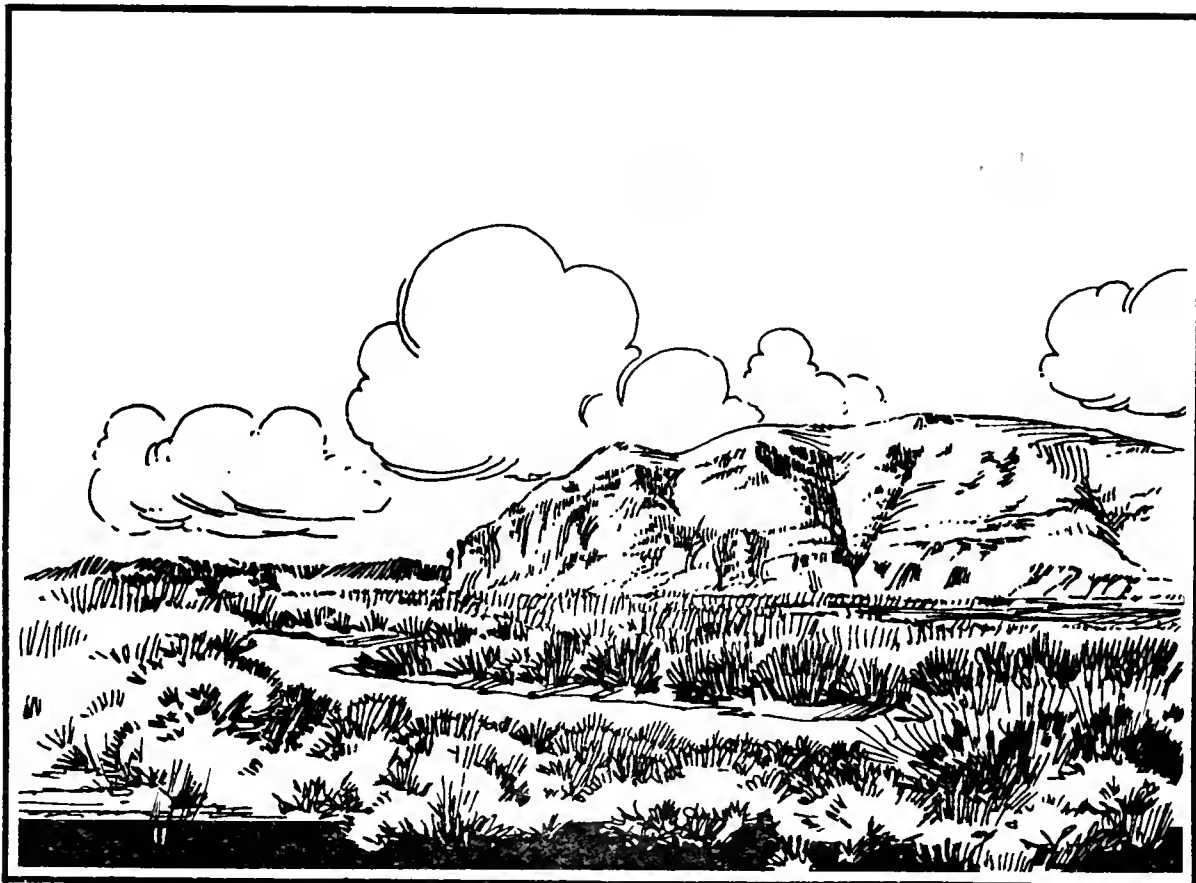


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January 5, 1983

The Honorable Stan Stephens
President of the Senate
Montana State Legislature
Capitol Station
Helena, MT 59620

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THE COAL TAX AND THE STATE PARK SYSTEM

The 44th State Legislature in 1975 earmarked a portion of the coal severance tax revenue for the acquisition of park lands described under 23-1-102 MCA. This legislation (15-35-108 MCA) earmarked 1¼ % of the coal tax revenue for park acquisition collected through June 30, 1979, to be placed in a trust and legacy account, of which only the interest can be spent. A constitutional amendment changed the allocation formula by earmarking 25% of the entire account to a permanent trust in 1977 and another 25% beginning July 1, 1979. Other formula changes not affecting the Parks Trust are to be effective July 1, 1983.

As of July 1, 1979, 5% of the coal tax revenue which was not set aside for the permanent 50% trust was earmarked for the Trust and Legacy Account replacing the previous percentages. Only the interest accrued from the Parks Trust and Legacy Account may be expended after July 1, 1979. Also the 1977 Legislature authorized an amendment to the coal tax allowing expenditures for managing areas acquired under this authority as units of the State Park System in order to make them usable by the public. All expenditures must be authorized by the Legislature.

LEGISLATION CHANGED THE COAL TAX PARKS LAW

Prior to 1979, the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks had the responsibility of finding and choosing areas for acquisition made with the coal tax money. HB 550 (see appendix) passed by the 1979 Legislature, stated that any person, association, or representative of a governing unit may submit a proposal for the acquisition of a site or area that would meet State Park System qualifications. This proposal must be submitted to the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks by December 1 of the year preceding the convening of a legislative session.

The Fish and Game Commission shall then present to the legislature by the 15th day of any legislative session a list of areas, sites, or objects that were proposed for purchase for use as state parks, state recreational areas, state monuments, or state historical sites with the money contained in the parks account.

The legislature must appropriate funds from this account before any park, area, monument or site may be purchased.

HB 871, passed by the 1981 Legislature, included a statement of intent that the department "adopt rules to equitably distribute funds for park acquisition." These rules may provide for adjustments of grants if less revenue is received than is appropriated under this act.

HB 871 also required that separate accounts be maintained for cultural and aesthetic grants and coal tax park acquisitions. Previously these funds were in one account. The interest earnings are split ⅔ for parks and ⅓ for cultural and aesthetic grants.

The 1981 Legislature's Long Range Building Committee passed a resolution * instructing the department to submit proposals along with citizens list of proposals for areas to be purchased from the Coal Tax Trust Fund.

WHAT KINDS OF AREAS QUALIFY FOR THE STATE PARK SYSTEM?

As set forth by law, the purpose of the State Park System is "to conserve the scenic, historic, archaeologic, scientific, and recreational resources of the state and providing for their use and enjoyment, thereby contributing to the cultural, recreational and economic life of the people and their health. Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks was given the statutory authority to "acquire for the state any areas, sites, or

* see appendix

objects which in its opinion would be held, improved, and maintained as state parks, state recreation areas, state monuments, or state historic sites" (MCA 23-1-102). It is these park system components that are eligible to receive coal tax funding. (MCA 23-1-108).

In the late 1960's, a classification describing the purposes and physical characteristics of several types of State Park System areas was developed and adopted as part of the Administrative Rules of Montana. The Department classified state parks, state monuments, state recreation areas, state recreational waterways, and others according to several criteria.

These criteria provide standards for acquiring and designating park system components, as well as for determining appropriate development and management procedures.

Criteria for Park System Components

STATE PARKS

Purpose:

To provide high-quality recreation experiences distinctive and notable enough to attract people on a state, regional or national basis.

Description:

Open-space areas of unique scenery or other outstanding natural features of an aesthetic, historical, geological, archaeological or scientific nature. State parks will be selected on the basis of these inherent characteristics without regard to geographic location.

Development and Management:

Development of roads and desirable facilities will be planned with precise and sensitive regard for all natural features and without impingement upon the visitors' aesthetic and intellectual sensibilities. Management will be directed toward retention of state parks in as near a natural condition as possible, without impairment of ecological features and values.

STATE RECREATION AREAS

Purpose:

To provide a broad selection of outdoor recreation opportunities in a natural setting which may be used by large numbers of people.

Description:

Contain natural or artificial resources which provide outdoor recreation opportunities that will attract visitors from beyond the local area. They may be located in areas which have serious deficiencies in public outdoor recreation facilities, provided that such recreation areas should not be furnished in lieu of municipal, county or federal facilities.

Development and Management:

Protection of the natural environment and aesthetic qualities should be paramount except development for intensive use may require alteration of the natural environment. However, the aesthetic qualities of the areas will be retained to the greatest degree possible by careful planning and construction of facilities.

STATE MONUMENTS

Purpose:

To preserve, protect and enhance objects, features or places of historical, geological, archaeological or scientific importance, including commemoration of outstanding persons or events.

Description:

Sites of optimum form and size for the protection and enhancement of the objects, features or places concerned, including adequate space for parking, if appropriate, and other accommodations for anticipated day use.

Development and Management:

Standard constructions will be facilities for providing access, parking, sanitary conditions and water. Other

service facilities may be added if required. Overnight camping will ordinarily not be allowed. Development may also include restoration of historical structures and installation of protective devices. Maximum benefit to visitors may be achieved by providing museums, outdoor dioramas and other interpretive exhibits.

STATE FISHING ACCESS SITES

Purpose:

To provide permanent, public access to high-quality rivers, streams and lakes.

Description:

Areas adjacent to high-quality fishing waters accessible by an existing or acquired public right-of-way and of adequate size to permit practical use of the waters concerned for fishing and, when appropriate, other water-based recreation.

Development and Management:

Accommodations will consist of facilities for day use and, in certain cases, overnight camping. Boat-launching ramps, road building and fencing may be necessary. Management will involve proper identification of the site and maintenance of public right-of-way and service facilities.

STATE RECREATIONAL WATERWAYS

Purpose:

To protect and enhance the natural and historical values of state waterways and to provide opportunity for enjoyment of these values.

Description:

Rivers or streams, generally undeveloped, possessing outstanding scenery and/or important historical features and susceptible to increasingly heavy recreational use.

Development and Management:

Accommodations for day use, camping, floating, fishing or other recreational activities will be provided. Public areas for lunch stops and overnight camping will be conveniently distributed along the course such that they will permit leisurely floats from one area to the next in four hours or less. Development will also include wells for drinking water where necessary. Management will primarily involve maintenance of public areas and identification of sites and points of historical or geological interest for visitors.

STATE RECREATION ROADS AND TRAILS

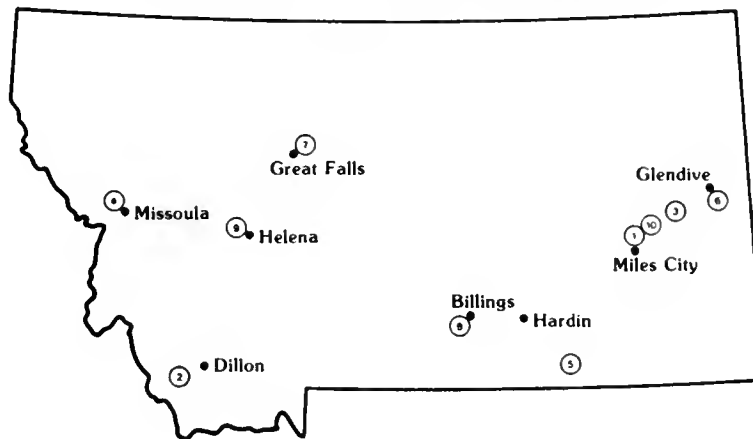
The Dept. of Fish and Game believes that the scenic and cultural attributes of certain Montana roads and trails are of high recreational value and warrant formal protection against uncontrolled use and development.

Preparation of criteria for state recreation roads and trails is in progress, along with other plans for this valuable expansion of the state park system.

PAST COAL TAX ACQUISITIONS

Since 1975, the portion of the coal severance tax earmarked for parks has provided nine additions to the State Park System. Located throughout the state (see map), these sites offer a variety of recreational opportunities to Montanans and out-of-state visitors.

Coal Tax Trust Fund Acquisitions



	Acreage	Appraisal, Survey, and Title Cost	Purchase Cost
① Roche Jaune State Recreation Area (acquired 1977)	1.0	\$ 460.75	\$ 19,600
② Bannack State Park Addition (acquired 1978)	.10	—0—	1,850
③ Powder River Depot State Monument* (acquired 1978)	easement	1,203.75	—0—
④ Council Grove State Monument (acquired 1978)	186.0	3,287.50	140,000
⑤ Rosebud Battlefield State Monument (acquired 1978)	4883.0	4,070.76	881,160
⑥ Makoshika State Park Addition (acquired 1979)	650.36	1,847.50	143,900
⑦ Giant Springs/Heritage State Park Addition (acquired 1979)	28.6	1,800.00	97,500
⑧ Lake Josephine State Recreation Area (acquired 1979)	82.10	4,106.16	125,000
⑨ Spring Meadow Lake State Recreation Area (acquired 1981)	55.8	714.55	293,000
ⓧ Doeden's Island State Recreation Area (acquired 1982)	269.	3,074.04	110,000
Engle Ranch appraisal**	—0—	2,000.00	—0—
Total	6155.96	\$22,565.01	\$1,812,010

Coal Tax Funds:	\$1,608,788.60
Other Matching Funds:	225,786.42
Total Cost:	1,834,575.01

- * Easement for historic monument, recreation and fishing access site from Burlington Northern.
- ** Site not purchased.

During the 1981 session, the legislature designated three areas for purchase with interest from the Parks Coal Tax Trust Fund. Two of the areas, Spring Meadow Lake, near Helena and Doeden's Island near Miles City were purchased.

The third area, the Engle Ranch, situated along the Yellowstone River about three miles north of Glendive, was not purchased. The legislative mandate required the site to be appraised for determination of fair market value. The department was then to for the appraised value or the asking price, whichever was less. The department offered to purchase the Engle property for the appraised value, but that price was unacceptable to the owners.

FOLLOWING THE REQUIREMENTS OF MCA 23-1-108

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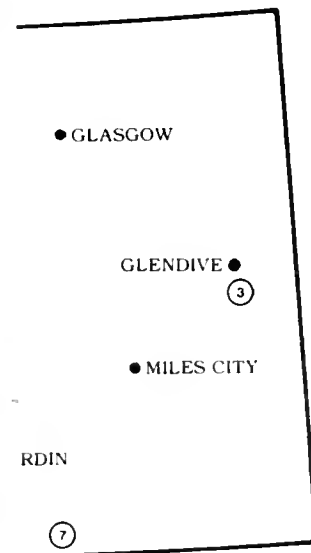
Coal Tax Acquisitions for Montana's State Park System

	450,000
	3,570,000
50	800,000
	250,000
	77,000
	210,000
	600,000
80	420,000
53	<u>\$7,066,741</u>

pages. Additional material such as site maps or letters to the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, 1420 East 6th Street, Helena, Montana (Attn: Mr. Knupp).



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Your Opportunity to Propose a Park

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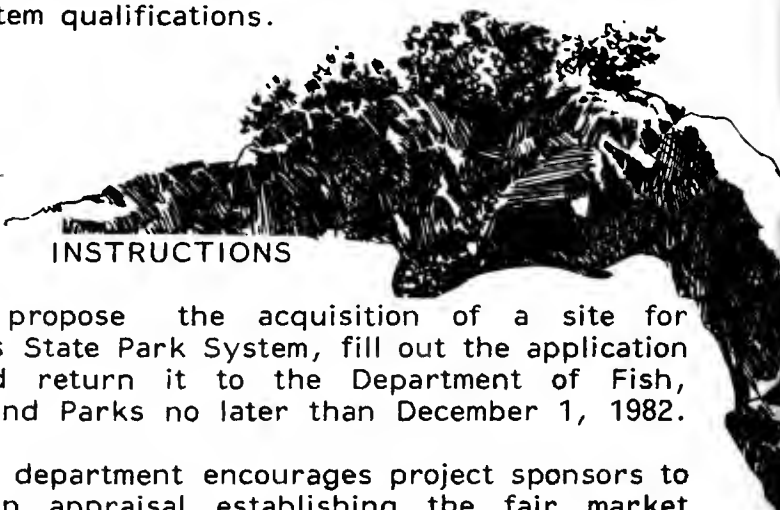
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THE OPPORTUNITY

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INSTRUCTIONS

To propose the acquisition of a site for Montana's State Park System, fill out the application form and return it to the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks no later than December 1, 1982.

The department encourages project sponsors to submit an appraisal establishing the fair market value of the site. The appraisal should be sent to the department before December 1, 1982 where it will be subject to a review by a qualified review appraiser selected by the department.

The department will present your application along with any additional proposal material (appraisals, maps, photographs, etc.) you supply, to the 1983 Legislature.

Project sponsors are encouraged to support their proposals by appearing before the legislative committee involved and by contacting their local legislators. The legislature will select the proposals to be funded.

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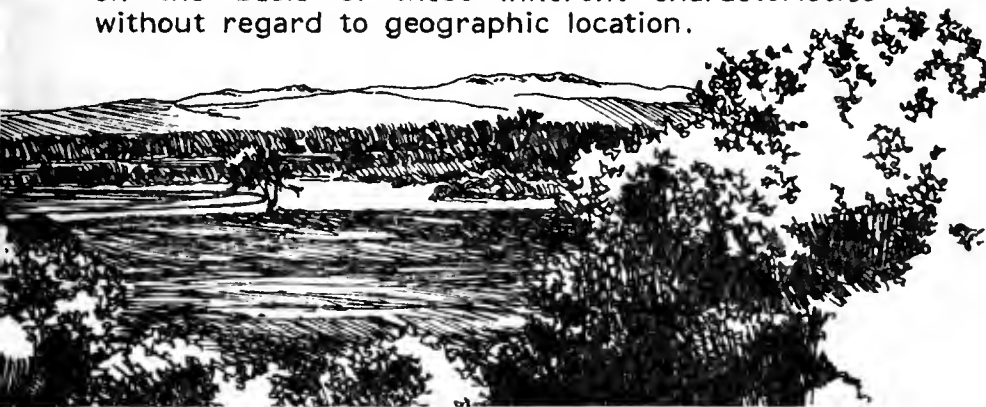
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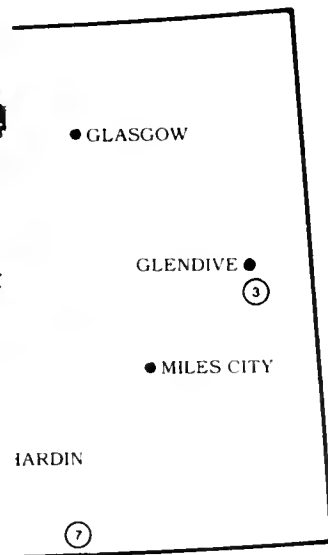
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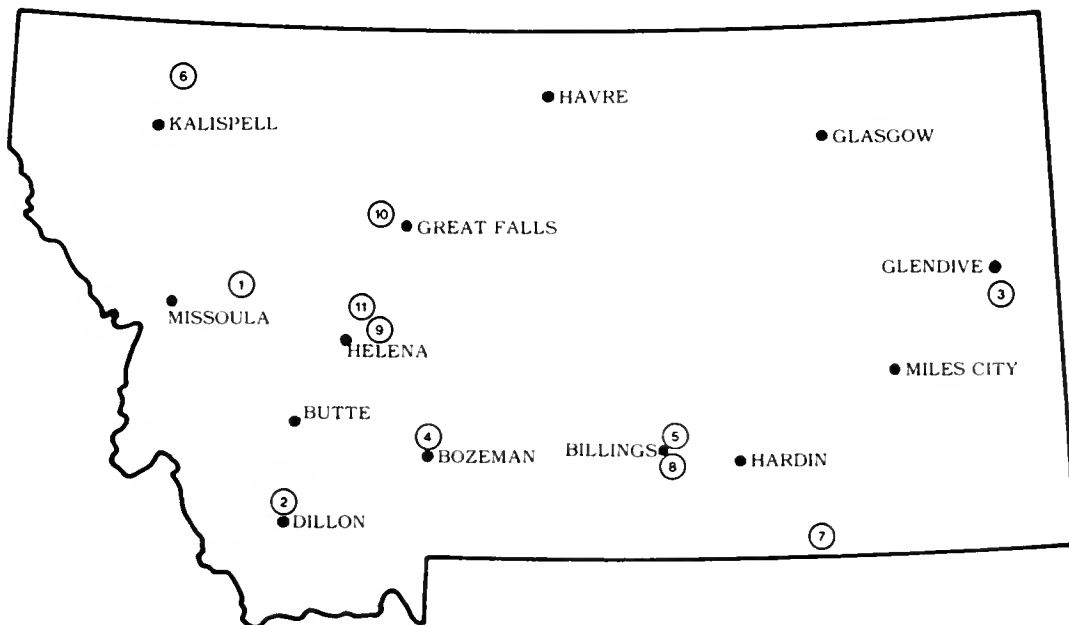
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Michael Ranch	511	250,000
(Rosebud Expansion)		
Moss Mansion	1	77,000
Prickly Pear	30	210,000
Vaughn Homestead	200	600,000
White Sandy	88.80	420,000
TOTALS	3,444.53	\$7,066,741

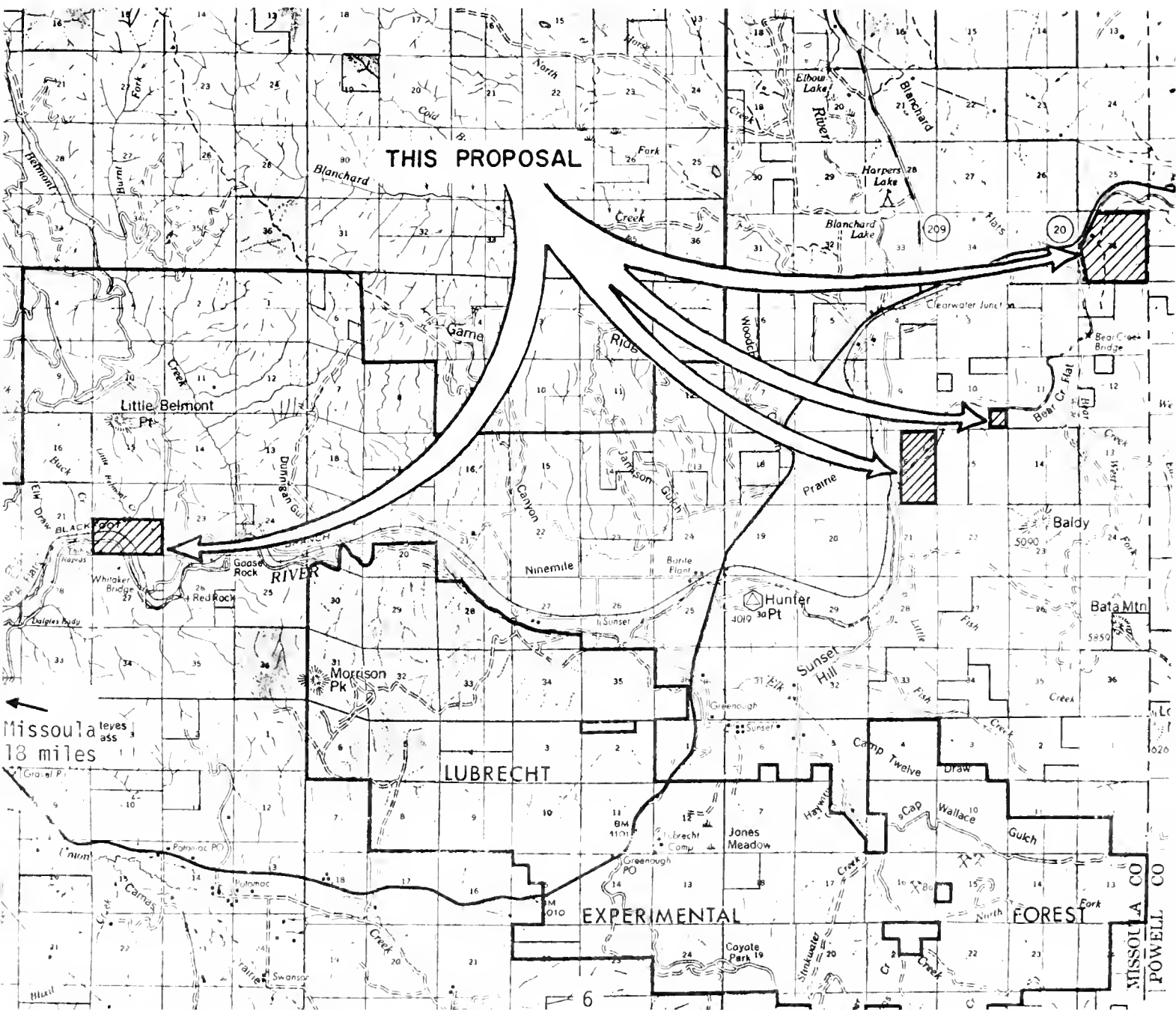
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- ① Blackfoot River
- ② Clark's Lookout
- ③ Fish Homestead
- ④ Glen Lake
- ⑤ Lake Elmo
- ⑥ Les Mason Memorial
- ⑦ Michael Ranch
- ⑧ Moss Mansion
- ⑨ Prickly Pear Creek
- ⑩ Vaughn Homestead
- ⑪ White Sandy

Blackfoot River Recreation Corridor

The Nature Conservancy has proposed the purchase of a conservation easement on State Forest lands along the Blackfoot River northeast of Missoula. This proposal would compensate the school trust for development values on the school trust lands and make their management perpetually consistent with private land along the river corridor on which conservation easements have been or will be granted. An appraisal for the easement is now underway and will be available by the time the legislature considers these proposals. An estimate of value provided by The Nature Conservancy is approximately \$100,000.



1983 COAL TAX PARK PROPOSAL

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1. Site Name (if any): BLACKFOOT RIVER RECREATION CORRIDOR: STATE LANDS
2. Site Location: County: Missoula (see attached Report maps)
Township _____ Range _____ Section _____
Near (town, landmark, etc.) Clearwater Junction
3. Please describe the site's qualities that make it unique or otherwise eligible for the State Park System:
Located within Blackfoot River Recreation Corridor. High recreation,
open space, and wildlife values. Blackfoot River rated a "highest
priority fishery resource." Nesting and wintering bald eagles in
the area.
4. Project Sponsor: The Nature Conservancy Agency (if any): Big Sky Office
Address: Box 258/Helena, MT 59601 Telephone: 443-0303

Will the sponsor be able to appear before a Legislative Committee to support this proposal?

☒ yes ☐ no

5. For what price is the owner willing to sell? \$ progress (appraised value; appraisal in
<\$100,000 estimated value)

I, See attached letter, owner of _____
(owner's name) (site name)
verify by my signature that the information in number 5 above is correct.

6. Appraisal
Has the proposed site been appraised by a professional land appraiser?
☒ yes ☐ no If yes, when? in progress

The department encourages project sponsors to submit an appraisal establishing the fair market value of the site. Will you be able to provide one?

☒ yes ☐ no

7. Cost of Site Acquisition

Appraised value of this site \$ 100,000 estimated

(Date of appraisal: 11/24/82)

Donation of other sources of assistance \$?
(if any, please specify):

Voluntary donations of cash and conservation easements to The Nature
Conservancy

Estimated appropriation needed from Coal Tax Fund: \$ 100,000 estimated

Other comments on cost: Appropriation request includes partial costs
of property analysis and project administration of \$7,500.00

*Estimate only; appraisal in progress.

8. If available, please attach a map and photographs of the proposed site:

The sponsor submitted the following report: "Blackfoot River Recreation Corridor: State Lands Analysis," which can be reviewed in the Parks Division files.

PROPOSAL EVALUATION

Answering the following questions will help determine
the value of your proposal to the State Park System.

1. Please check the recreational activities that could take place frequently
at this site.

<input type="checkbox"/> Walking for pleasure	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Fishing
<input type="checkbox"/> Bicycling	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	<input type="checkbox"/> Camping
<input type="checkbox"/> Bird-Watching	<input type="checkbox"/> Boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Scenery Viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic or Natural Interpretation		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: specify _____		
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2. During what season would this site receive use?

☐ fall ☐ winter ☐ spring ☐ summer

3. Does this site have historic or archaeologic value?

☐ no ☐ yes, if yes, please explain: _____

4. Does this site have scenic value?

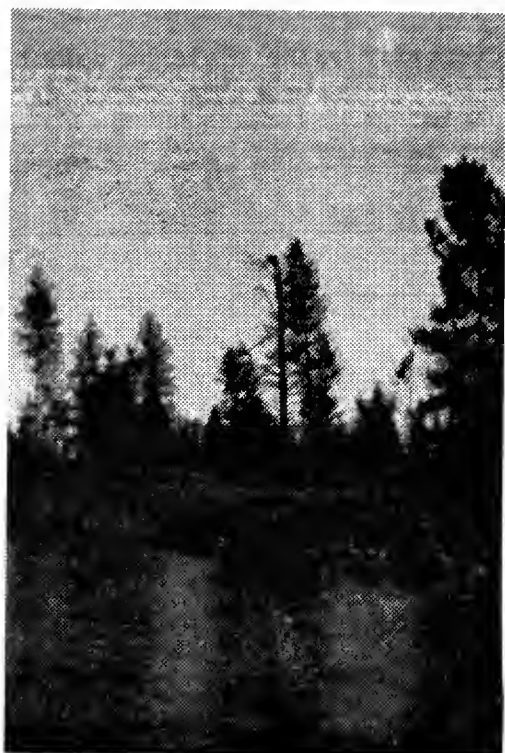
☐ no ☐ yes: If yes, please explain: _____

5. Does this site have scientific value? (scientific value could be defined as ecological or geological features).

_____no _____yes: If yes, please explain: _____

6. Please explain your conception of the possible future management and development of this site:

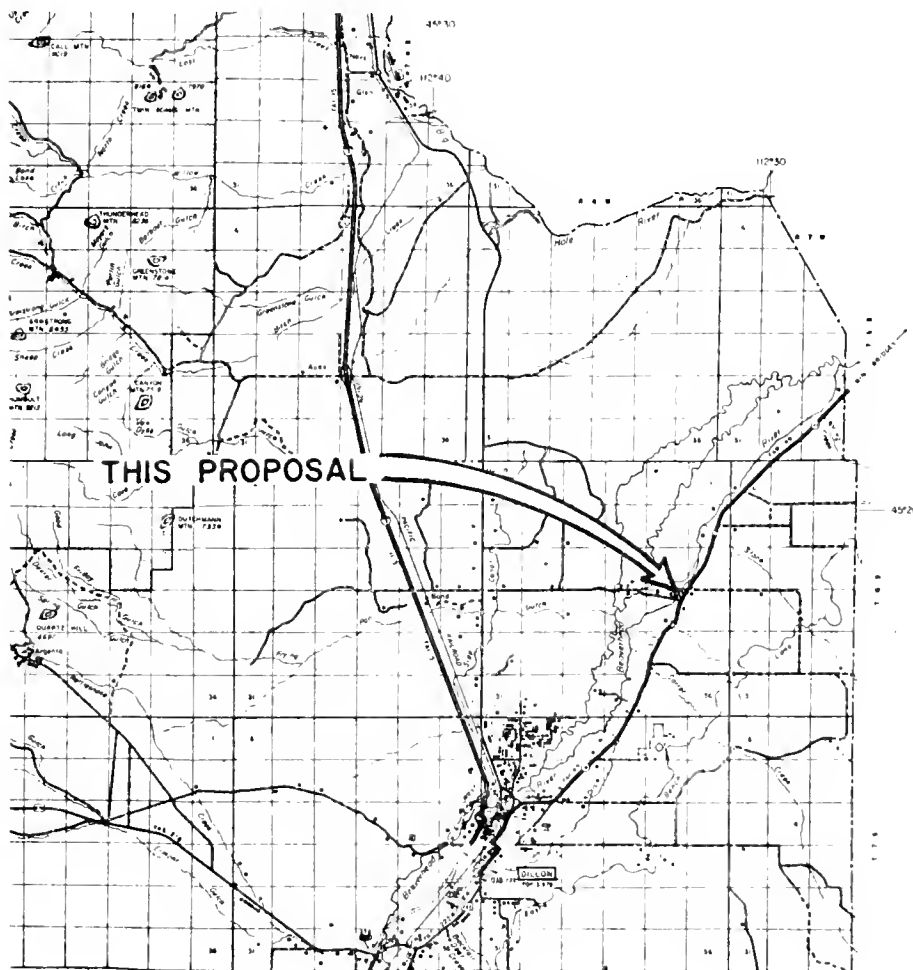
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Clark's Lookout

The Beaverhead County Commission has proposed this landmark of the Lewis and Clark expedition near Dillon as a future state monument. The owner, Tom Schiopen, is asking the 1982 appraised value for the 7.23 acre site which is \$58,600. The commission is also requesting an additional appropriation for \$174,968. Of this total, \$5,000 would be used for publicity expenses of the Clark's Lookout Committee to initiate a fund raising drive for financing a Bob Sriver bronze of Captain Clark to be erected on the site. The remainder would be used for development of the site in accordance with the site plan on page 19.



1983 COAL TAX PARK PROPOSAL

1. Site Name (if any): Clark's Lookout
2. Site Location: County: Beaverhead
Township 7 South Range 8 West Section SE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ 7
Near (town, landmark, etc.) Dillon
3. Please describe the site's qualities that make it unique or otherwise eligible for the State Park System:
Clark's Lookout is a significant landmark of the Lewis & Clark Expedition.
As a state monument this historic resource would be preserved and interpreted
for the enjoyment of Beaverhead valley residents and visitors. A diversity
of other recreational activities are also possible at the site, which would
compliment its use as a historic monument.
4. Project Sponsor Beaverhead County Commissioner Agency (if any): _____
Address: Beaverhead County Courthouse Telephone: 683-5245
Dillon, Montana 59725

Will the sponsor be able to appear before a Legislative Committee to support this proposal?

X yes _____ no

5. For what price is the owner willing to sell? \$ 58,600
I, Thomas Schiopen, owner of Clark's Lookout
Joan Schiopen (owner's name) Thomas and Joan Schiopen (site name)
verify by my signature that the information in number 5 above is correct.

6. Appraisal
Has the proposed site been appraised by a professional land appraiser?
X yes _____ no If yes, when? 11/12/81 Updated 10/25/82

The department encourages project sponsors to submit an appraisal establishing the fair market value of the site. Will you be able to provide one?

X yes _____ no (Submitted for review 8/20/82 and 11/5/82)

7. Cost of Site Acquisition

Appraised value of this site \$ 58,600.00

(Date of appraisal: 10/25/82)

Donation of other sources of assistance \$ 213,000
(if any, please specify):

The Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation donated \$3,000 for the appraisals and the expenses for the application. The landowner donated the cost of the survey. The funds for the bronze statue of Clark will be raised by the Clark's Lookout Committee through the sale of miniature bronzes of Captain Clark.

Estimated appropriation needed from Coal Tax Fund: \$ 233,568.00

Other comments on cost: \$5,000 of the requested appropriation is for publicity expenses of the Clark's Lookout Committee to initiate the marketing of the miniature bronzes for the fund raising drive to pay for the monumental size statue of Captain Clark which will be erected on the site. (Full cost breakdown can be seen in brochure available in Parks Division files)

8. If available, please attach a map and photographs of the proposed site:

PROPOSAL EVALUATION

Answering the following questions will help determine the value of your proposal to the State Park System.

1. Please check the recreational activities that could take place frequently at this site.

☒ Walking for pleasure ☒ Picnicking ☐ Fishing

☒ Bicycling (destination) ☐ Hunting ☐ Camping

☒ Bird-Watching ☐ Boating ☒ Scenery Viewing

☒ Historic or Natural Interpretation

☒ Other: specify Educational and artistic

☐ Other: specify _____

☐ Other: specify _____

2. During what season would this site receive use?

☒ fall ☒ winter ☒ spring ☒ summer

3. Does this site have historic or archaeologic value?

☐ no ☒ yes, if yes, please explain: The site is a landmark of the Lewis & Clark Expedition. Captain William Clark used the rock outcrop as an observation point from which he viewed the Beaverhead Valley, took several compass readings, and sketched a map of the area.

4. Does this site have scenic value?

☐ no ☒ yes: If yes, please explain: The site provides an excellent view of the Beaverhead Valley and the surrounding mountain ranges, and in particular, the Beaverhead Rock and the Rattlesnake Cliffs, two other landmarks of Lewis & Clark history, are visible from the site.

5. Does this site have scientific value? (scientific value could be defined as ecological or geological features).

no x yes: If yes, please explain: The site is an excellent location to interpret the areas geologic history (see geological report attached.)

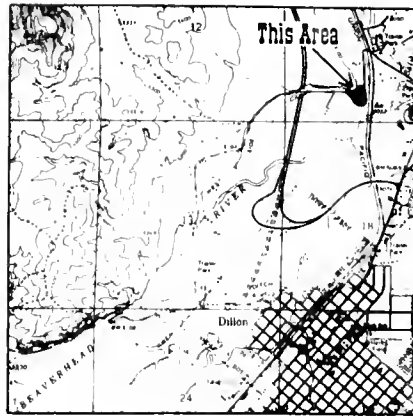
6. Please explain your conception of the possible future management and development of this site:

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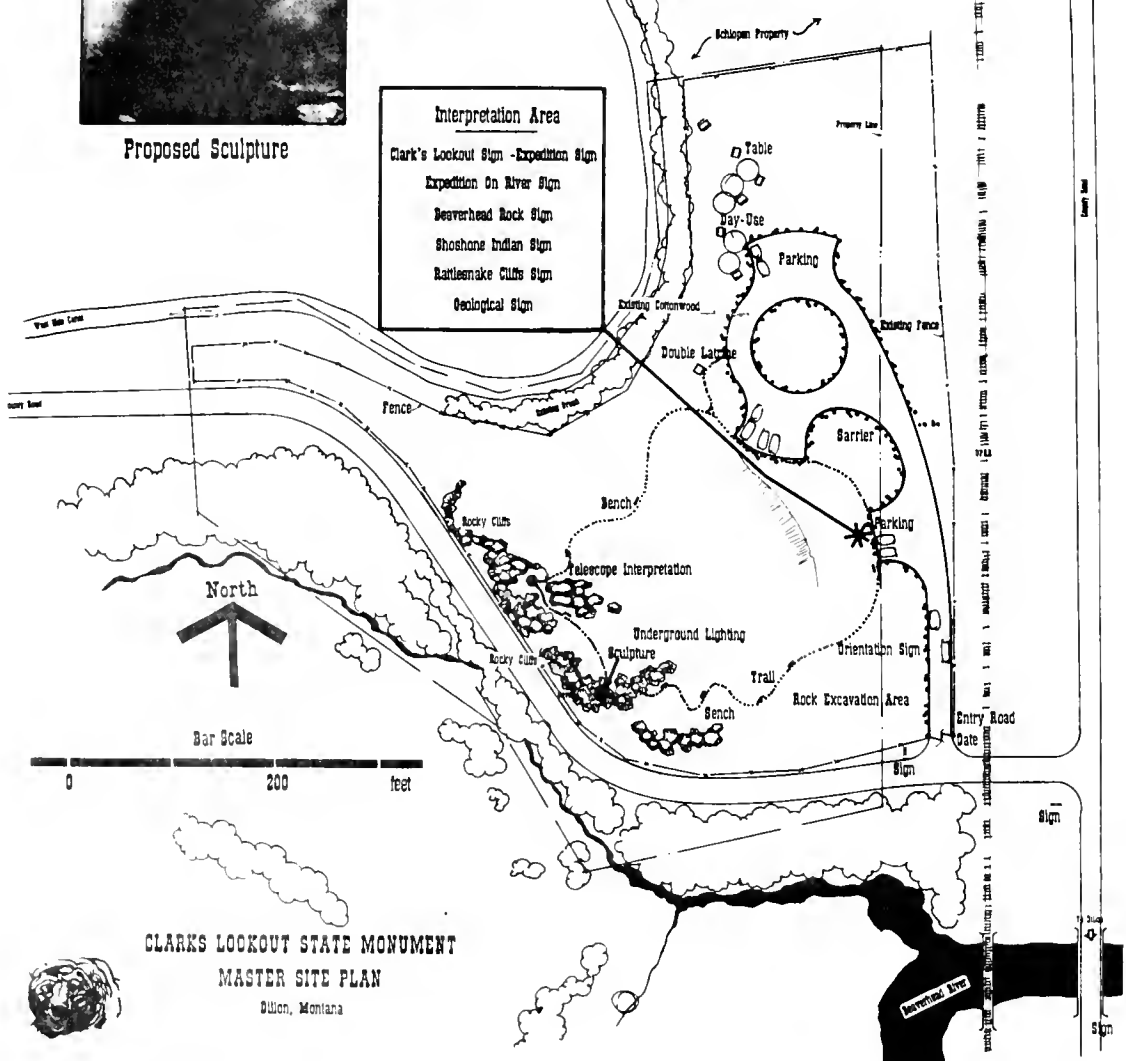
The site would be managed to commemorate the Lewis & Clark Expedition, to provide a historical and geological interpretative area, to provide a recreational and cultural experience for local residents and visitors. A ten foot statue of Captain William Clark would be sculpted by Bob Scriver of Browning, Montana, and would be erected on the site. The costs of the statue would be raised by Clark's Lookout Committee of Dillon, Montana. For details of site development, please see the attached map plan.



Proposed Sculpture



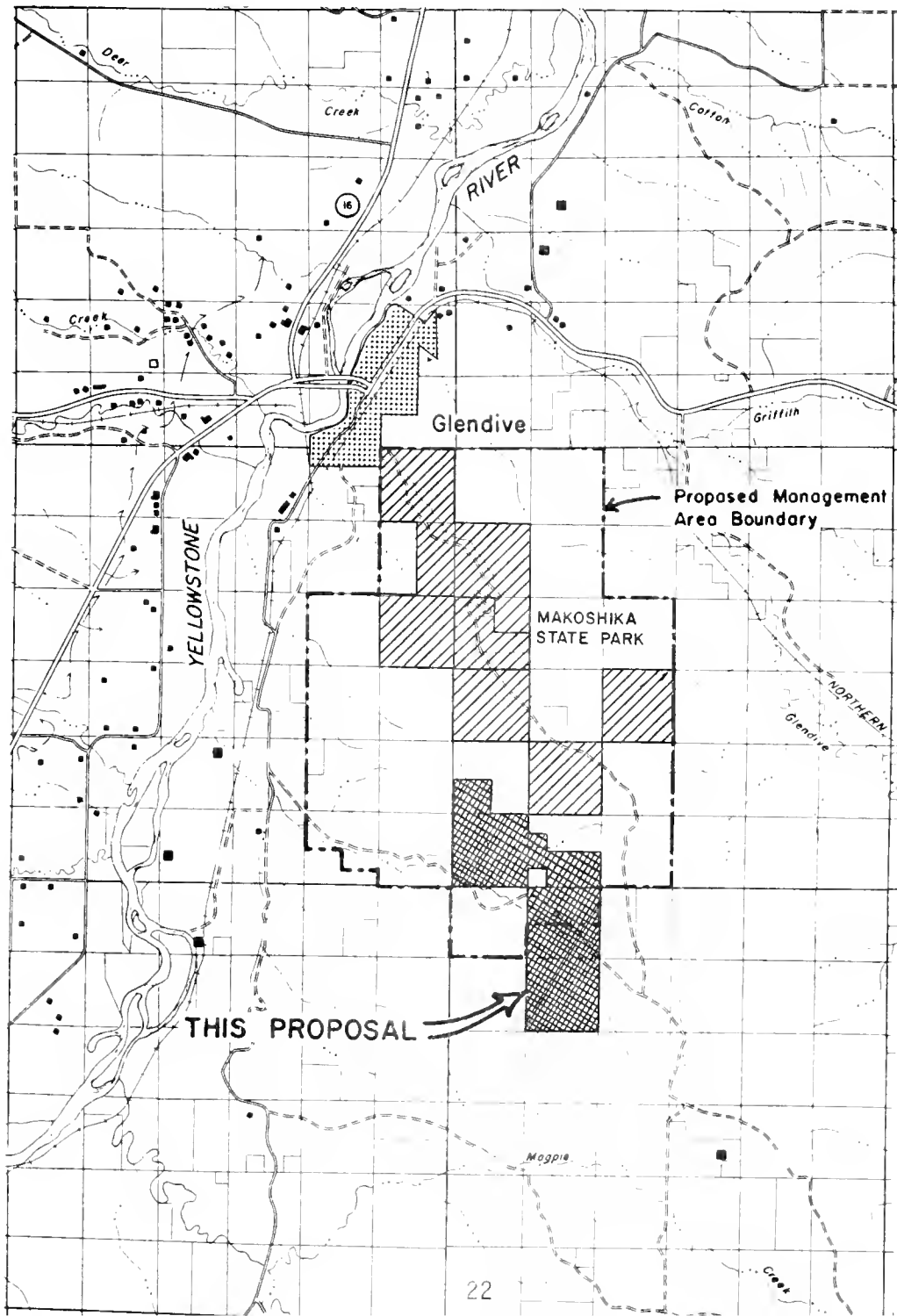
Vicinity Map





Fish Homestead

The Badlands Park Committee of Glendive has proposed a 2,374 acre expansion to Makoshika State Park to include the Fish family homestead. This site is on Fish Flat and contains two miles of Sand Creek bottom. The site is surrounded by public lands which make up Makoshika State Park. The owners, Jack and Jesse Engle are asking \$150 per acre for the site for a total of \$356,173. This property was submitted to the 1981 Legislature as a portion of the Engle Ranch proposal. This portion was not funded, however.



1983 COAL TAX PARK PROPOSAL

1. Site Name (if any): Fish Homestead on Sand Creek
2. Site Location: County: Dawson
Township 15N Range 56E - Sec. SW $\frac{1}{4}$ 30; 31, SE $\frac{1}{4}$, E $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$, NE $\frac{1}{4}$
14N Range 56E - Section 5 & 8 SW $\frac{1}{4}$, SW $\frac{1}{4}$ NW $\frac{1}{4}$ 32
Near (town, landmark, etc.) Makoshika State Park

3. Please describe the site's qualities that make it unique or otherwise eligible for the State Park System:
The existing ranch unit includes 2374.49 acres of grazing land, the Guy Fish Homestead Site on Fish Flat, a small cabin, over a mile of county road and over 2 miles of scenic creek bottom on Sand Creek. Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks has identified the ranch for possible purchase as it is surrounded by public lands which make up the Makoshika Badlands and contains over a mile of private road necessary to reopen the well-known 22-mile Makoshika scenic loop drive which has been closed in recent years.

4. Project Sponsor: Badlands Park Committee Agency (if any): _____
c/o Herman Hass
Address: 409 S. Sargent Telephone: 365-4368 ofc.
Glendive, MT. 59330 365-6622 home

Will the sponsor be able to appear before a Legislative Committee to support this proposal?

x yes _____ no

5. For what price is the owner willing to sell? \$ 356,173 (\$150/acre)

I, Jack Engle, Jesse Engle, owner of Fish Homestead on Sand Creek
(owner's name) (site name)
verify by my signature that the information in number 5 above is correct.

6. Appraisal Jack S. Engle
Has the proposed site been appraised by a professional land appraiser?
_____ yes x no If yes, when? _____

The department encourages project sponsors to submit an appraisal establishing the fair market value of the site. Will you be able to provide one?

_____ yes X no

7. Cost of Site Acquisition

Appraised value of this site \$ _____

(Date of appraisal: _____)

Donation of other sources of assistance \$ _____
(if any, please specify):

Estimated appropriation needed from Coal Tax Fund: \$ 356,173

Other comments on cost: There are no expensive developments to maintain and the Sand Creek Road is maintained regularly by the county. Grazing rights could be leased out to produce an income for the state. Although the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks indicates that part of Section 5 or 8 may not be necessary for park development, the owners wish to sell the entire ranch as a unit. Unnecessary lands could be traded for other private land in Makoshika State Park.

8. If available, please attach a map and photographs of the proposed site:

See attachments.

PROPOSAL EVALUATION

Answering the following questions will help determine the value of your proposal to the State Park System.

1. Please check the recreational activities that could take place frequently at this site.

☒ Walking for pleasure ☒ Picnicking ☐ Fishing
☐ Bicycling ☒ Hunting ☒ Camping
☒ Bird-Watching ☐ Boating ☒ Scenery Viewing
☒ Historic or Natural Interpretation
☒ Other: specify horseback riding
☒ Other: specify snowmobiling
☒ Other: specify cross-country skiing

2. During what season would this site receive use?

☒ fall ☒ winter ☒ spring ☒ summer

3. Does this site have historic or archaeologic value?

☐ no ☒ yes, if yes, please explain: Father Pierre Jean DeSmet's

description of the vicinity in 1851 (see attachment) correlates perfectly with the view of the Pines from Carson Hill. Remnants of the X Lazy Y Ranch homesteaded by Guy Fish on Fish Flat in the early 1900's tell the story of the difficulties homesteaders faced in badlands country (see photo). In 1980 BLM archaeologists discovered two very significant prehistoric campsites near the ranch containing Besant and Pelican Lake projectile points dating up to 3000 years old. The potential for additional sites here on Sand Creek is excellent.

4. Does this site have scenic value?

☐ no ☒ yes: If yes, please explain: The Sand Creek valley and

Makoshika Badlands stand out in stark contrast to each other as beautiful prairies and pine and cedar groves meet stark white sandstone cliffs, caprocks and banded clay formations topped by scoria buttes. The scenic loop drive has attracted thousands of tourists in past years as changing weather, seasons and light conditions create unlimited viewing potential (see attached restaurant bill).

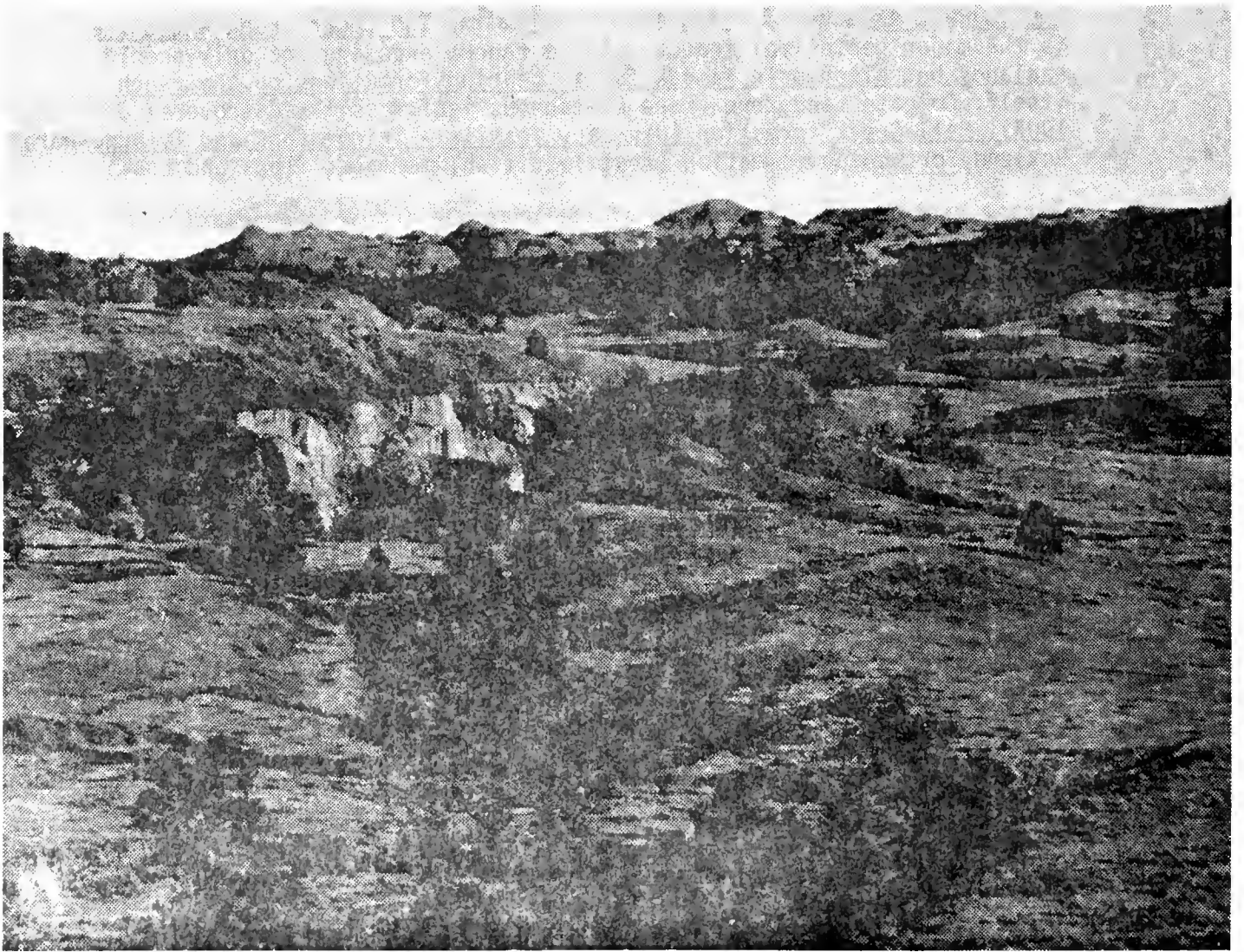
5. Does this site have scientific value? (scientific value could be defined as ecological or geological features).

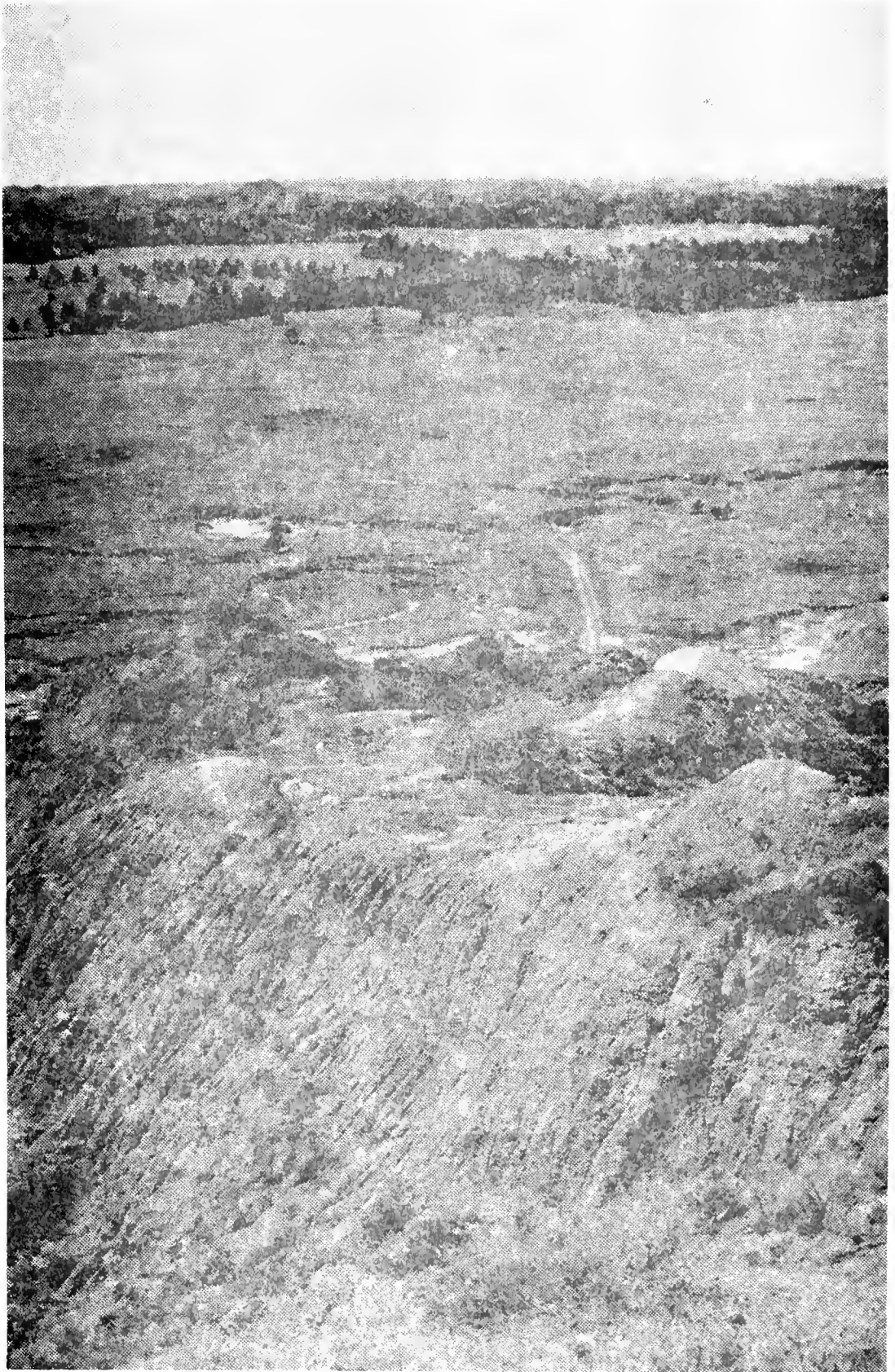
no x yes: If yes, please explain: The Cedar Creek Anticline is the major geological feature of the ranch, exposing not only scenic badlands but also world famous fossil bearing formations on the ranch itself: Colgate Sandstone (rare Cretaceous leaf fossils, discovered July 18, 1907), Hell Creek formation (dinosaur fossils - Triceratops and Tyrannosaurus Rex) and Fort Union formation (reptiles, fish, mammals, flora and coal).

6. Please explain your conception of the possible future management and development of this site:

Part or all of the ranch could be incorporated into Makoshika State Park to provide the necessary access to reopen and improve the scenic loop drive. Three good water wells and several springs make the property attractive for a campground or picnic area, wildlife habitat development and continued grazing if desirable.

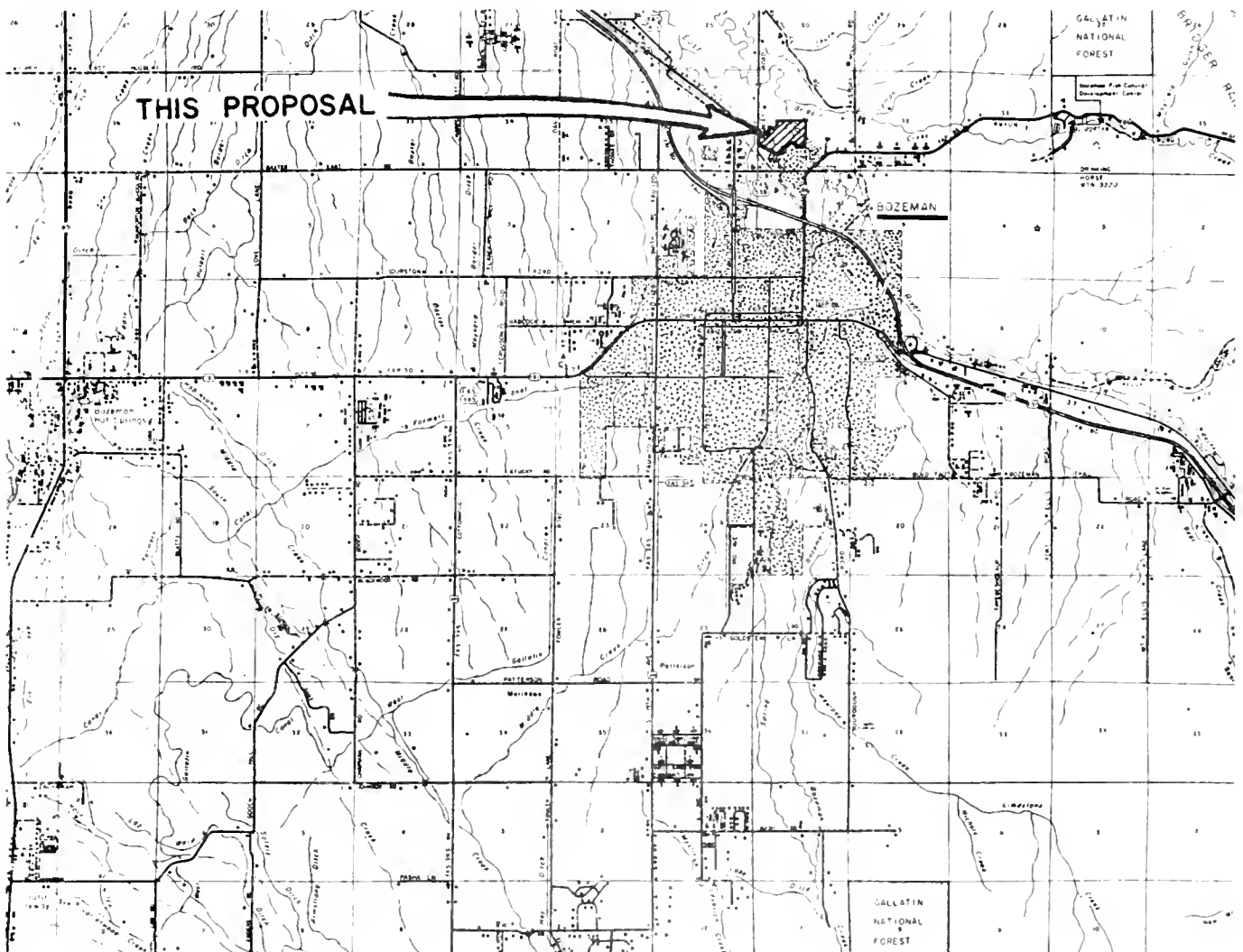
Very little development would be necessary or desirable except for road improvement and picnic area development. The major benefits of acquisition would accrue from preservation of the ranch from subdivision and non-compatible oil and gas development for its fossil beds, scenery, wildlife habitat and recreation use.





Glen Lake Park

The Bozeman/Gallatin County Recreation Board has proposed this 80 acre site adjacent to the City of Bozeman which includes a 20 acre pond. The owners, Glen Hash and Keith Beyl, are asking \$1 per square foot for the property -- \$450,000 total. The property has been appraised at \$1.25 per square foot. If accepted the City of Bozeman will donate 47 acres of adjacent land which would add frontage on both sides of the East Gallatin River to the park.



1983 COAL TAX PARK PROPOSAL

1. Site Name (if any): GLENLAKE PARK
2. Site Location: County: GALLATIN COUNTY
Township _____ Range _____ Section _____
Near (town, landmark, etc.) BOZEMAN
3. Please describe the site's qualities that make it unique or otherwise eligible for the State Park System:
Approximately 80 acres north of Bozeman are available
and it includes a 20⁺ acre lake that attracts migratory waterfowl
(see attached letter from Audubon Society) as well as approximately
1200 ft. of the East Gallatin River through the wooded northeast
corner of the site.
Bozeman/Gallatin Co. Recreation Board
4. Project Sponsor: Joanne Jennings, Chair Agency (if any): Mike Aune
person
Address: P.O. Box 3298 Telephone: (406) 586-6725
Bozeman, Mt. 59715

Will the sponsor be able to appear before a Legislative Committee to support this proposal?

X yes _____ no

5. For what price is the owner willing to sell? \$ 1.00 per square foot

I, Mike Aune owner of Hash/Beyl Gravel Pit
(owner's name) (site name)
verify by my signature that the information in number 5 above is correct.

6. Appraisal
Has the proposed site been appraised by a professional land appraiser?
X yes _____ no If yes, when? May 25, 1978
(Statement attached)

The department encourages project sponsors to submit an appraisal establishing the fair market value of the site. Will you be able to provide one?

X yes _____ no

7. Cost of Site Acquisition

Appraised value of this site \$ 1.25 square ft.

(Date of appraisal: May 25, 1978)

Donation of other sources of assistance \$ 600,000
(if any, please specify):

The City of Bozeman has agreed to donate property that adjoins
the land that must be purchased from private owner, and
said private owner has agreed to donate 20+ acre lake to the
state and sell property for below the appraised value.

Estimated appropriation needed from Coal Tax Fund: \$ 450,000

Other comments on cost: Above cost is for acquisition only.

8. If available, please attach a map and photographs of the proposed site:

Attachments: I. Aerial photograph of site

II. Letter of support from Audubon Society with
list of birds that use the site

III. Appraisal report - Hash/Beyl Property

IV. Photographs of site

V. City of Bozeman Resolution

PROPOSAL EVALUATION

Answering the following questions will help determine the value of your proposal to the State Park System.

1. Please check the recreational activities that could take place frequently at this site.

☒ Walking for pleasure ☒ Picnicking ☒ Fishing

☐ Bicycling ☐ Hunting ☐ Camping

☒ Bird-Watching ☒ Boating ☒ Scenery Viewing

☒ Historic or Natural Interpretation

☒ Other: specify Cross-country skiing

☐ Other: specify _____

☐ Other: specify _____

2. During what season would this site receive use?

☒ fall ☒ winter ☒ spring ☒ summer

3. Does this site have historic or archaeologic value?

☒ no ☐ yes, if yes, please explain: _____

4. Does this site have scenic value?

☐ no ☒ yes: If yes, please explain: The site is at the foot of the Bridger Mountains (photos attached), and contains a section of the E. Gallatin River which flows through a wooded area, as well as a 20⁺ acre spring fed lake which attracts numerous migratory waterfowl.

5. Does this site have scientific value? (scientific value could be defined as ecological or geological features).

no x yes: If yes, please explain: The site has ecological value as it contains excellant areas for migratory waterfowl as well as a wooded area for other birds. A review of the site's habitat is attached.

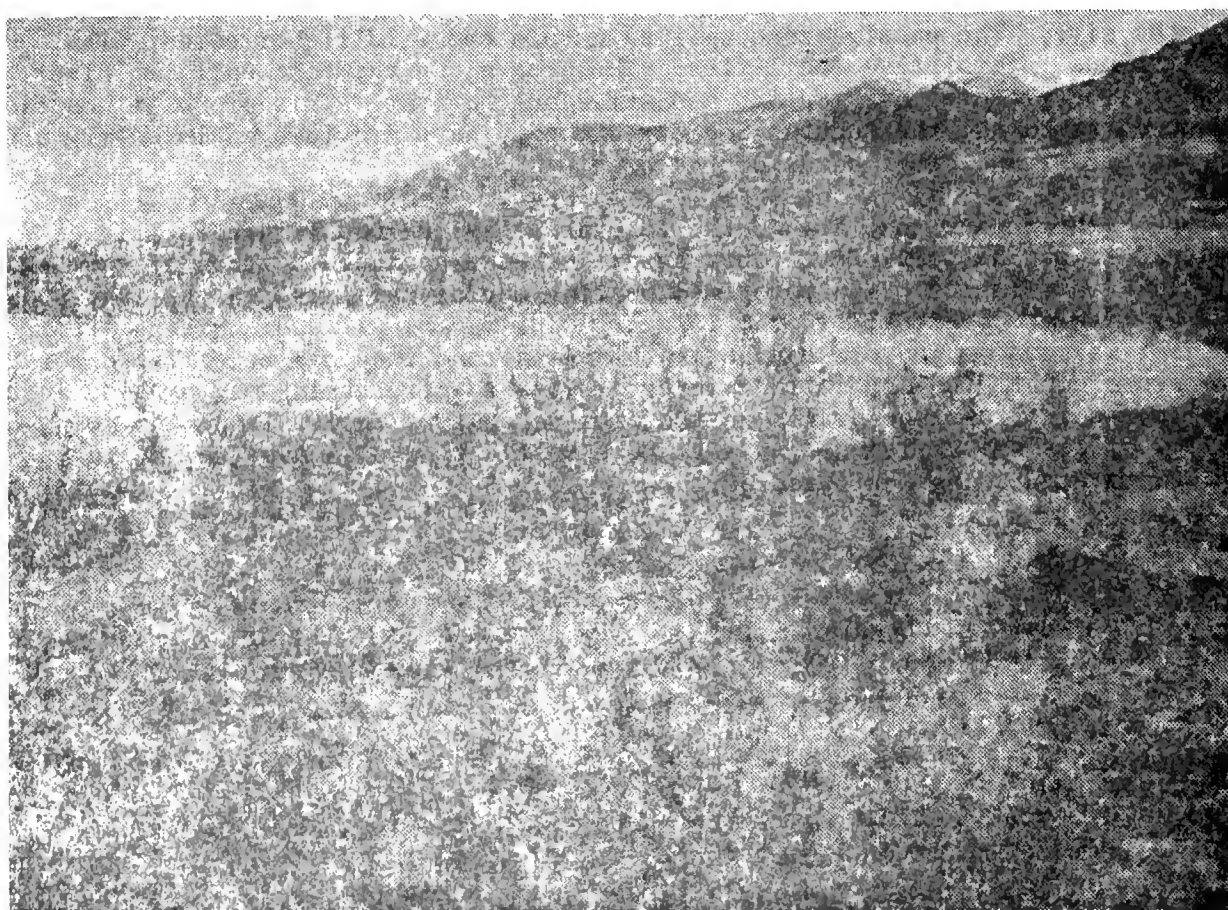
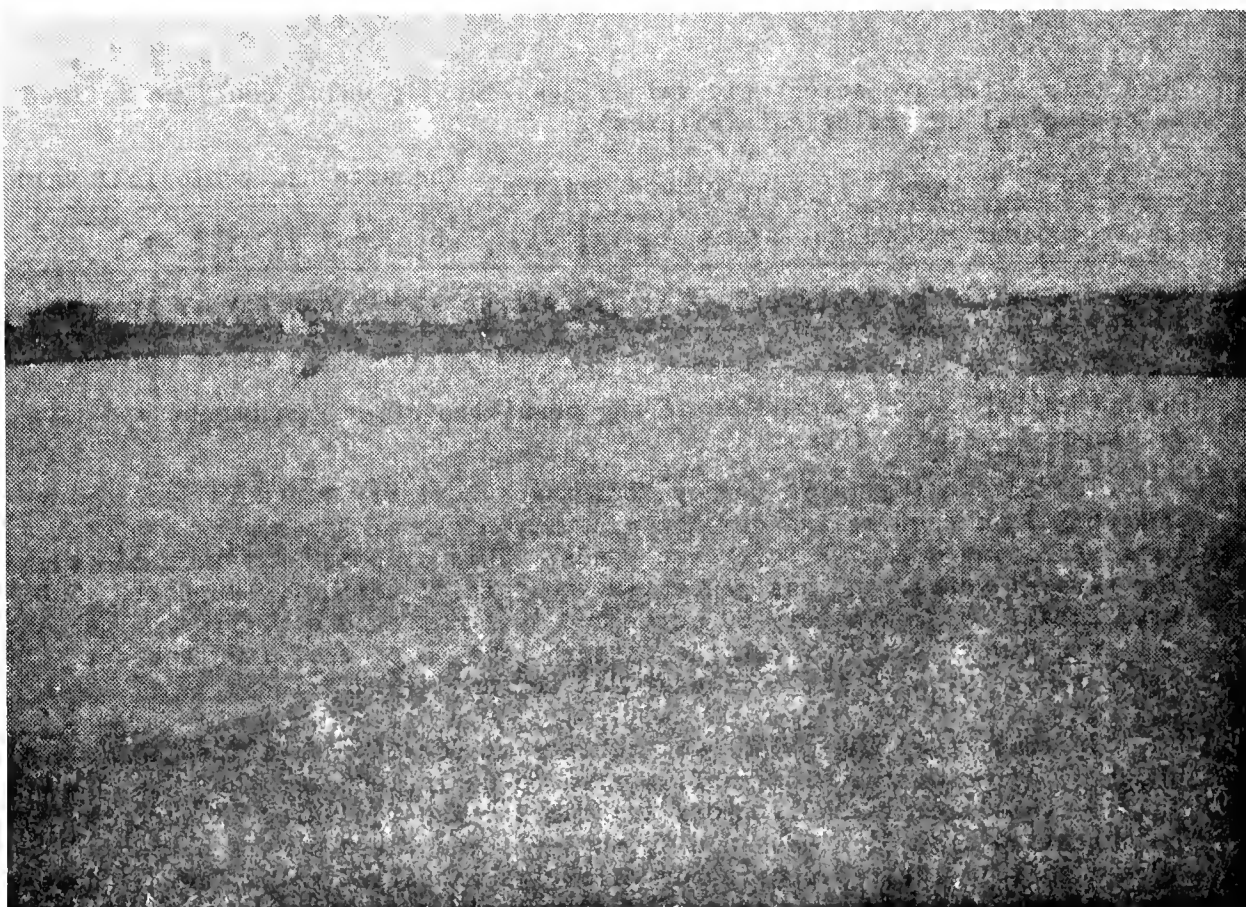
6. Please explain your conception of the possible future management and development of this site:

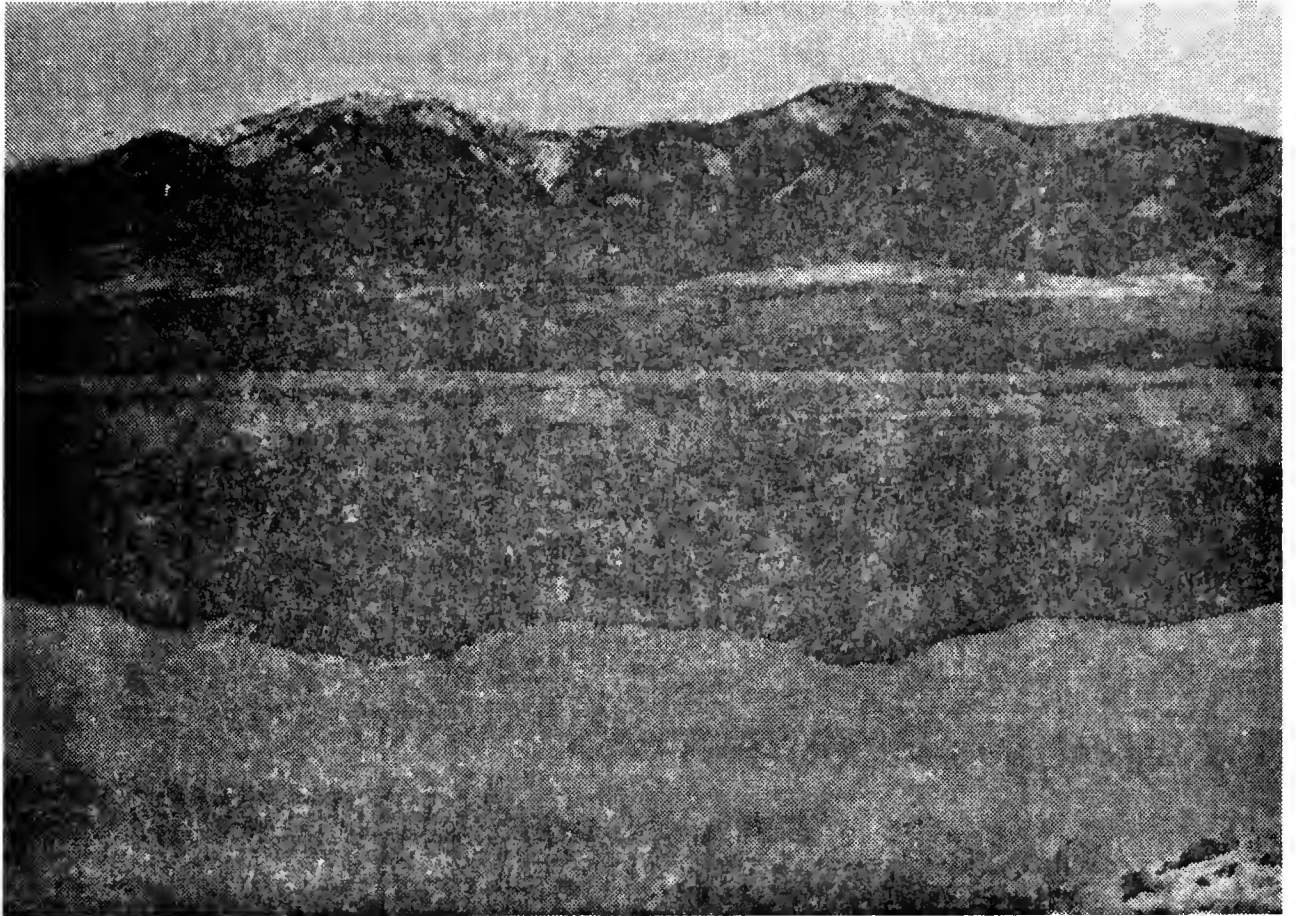
402/W The Bozeman/Gallatin County Recreation Advisory Board is sponsoring a proposal to acquire and develop property north of Bozeman as a state park utilizing Coal Tax Severence Funds. This proposal has been discussed for several years, and has generated substantial community support. The site entails approximately 80 acres and includes a 20 acre lake. The East Gallatin River flows through the eastern portion of the site, and the Bridger Mountains to the northeast add to the scenic value of the site.

In support of the proposal, the City of Bozeman has agreed to donate about 47 acres of the old landfill area to be included in the park. About half of this site is undisturbed woodlands. The remaining property is to be purchased from Glen Hash and Keith Beyl, and these owners have, 1. agreed to sell their property for below its appraised value, and 2. donate the 20 acre lake which is part of their property.

The potential development consists of an active zone in the lake area on the western half of the site and a passive zone in the eastern half of the site. The passive zone will be nature and wildlife oriented, with various interpretive facilities. The area along the East Gallatin River will be promoted as wildlife and waterfowl habitat. This proposal has the endorsement of the Audubon Society and they have provided an inventory of waterfowl and other birds of the area.

The active zone around the lake area may include picnic facilities and it may be possible to open an area on the southern portion of the lake to swimming. Non-motorized boating may be permitted on the lake and as fish are presently in the lake, fishing may be allowed. Hiking trails for walkers or joggers can be in this area, and they may be utilized for cross country skiing in the winter. Cross country skiing may provide access to the interpretive trails in the passive zone as well. Though no swings or slides are envisioned, an adventure/rustic type plan area may be incorporated using sculptured earth.

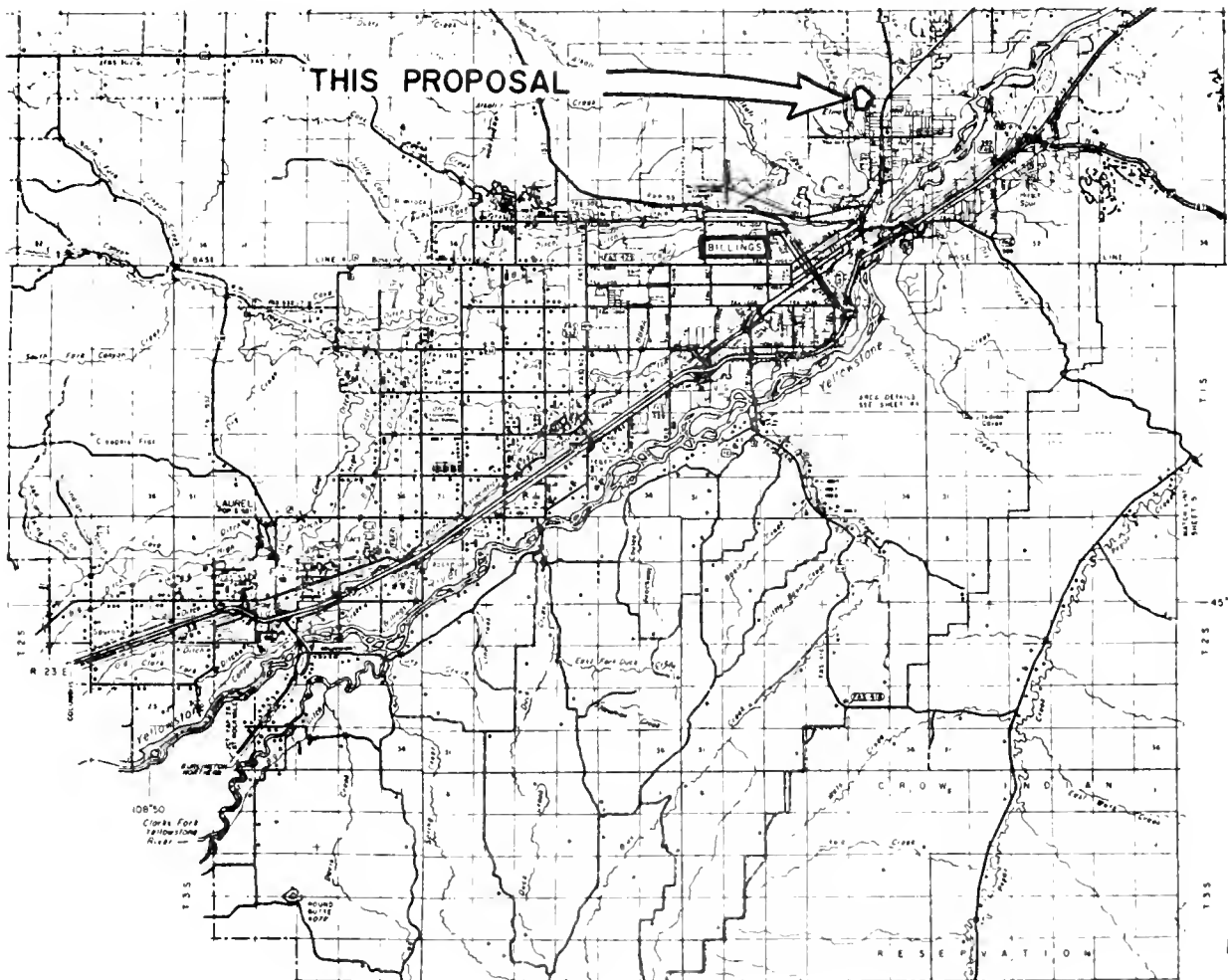




Lake Elmo

This 125 acre site which includes a 64 acre reservoir has been proposed by its owner, Loyd Kimble. Adjacent to the City of Billings, Lake Elmo provides water based recreation including swimming, boating and fishing. Mr. Kimble initially proposed the 1982 appraised value for the site which is \$3,570,100. However, the site is being re-appraised and it is likely a lesser figure will be asked by the time the legislature considers the Coal Tax proposals.

This proposal was submitted to the 1981 Legislature but was not funded.



1983 COAL TAX PARK PROPOSAL

1. Site Name (if any): Lake Elmo

2. Site Location: County: Yellowstone

Township 1N Range 26E Section 10 & 15

Near (town, landmark, etc.) Billings, Mt.

3. Please describe the site's qualities that make it unique or otherwise eligible for the State Park System:

Wooded lakesite and surrounding area of approximately 125 acres is accessible from all sides, adjacent to the City of Billings and Interstate 90. Has recreational potential for swimming, boating, fishing, camping, and picnicking. Good beach areas with low water level. Will benefit a large number of persons.

4. Project Sponsor: Loyd L. Kimble Agency (if any): _____

Address: P.O. Box 516 Telephone: 252-2004

Billings, Mt. 59103

Will the sponsor be able to appear before a Legislative Committee to support this proposal?

☒ yes ☐ no

5. For what price is the owner willing to sell? \$ See attached proposal

I, Loyd L. Kimble, owner of Lake Elmo
(owner's name) (site name)

verify by my signature that the information in number 5 above is correct.

6. Appraisal

Has the proposed site been appraised by a professional land appraiser?

☒ yes ☐ no If yes, when? May, 1982

The department encourages project sponsors to submit an appraisal establishing the fair market value of the site. Will you be able to provide one?

☒ yes ☐ no

7. Cost of Site Acquisition

Appraised value of this site \$ 3,570,100.00

(Date of appraisal: May, 1982)

Donation of other sources of assistance \$ 3,570,100.00
(if any, please specify):

Coal Tax Park funds - Montana State Legislature

Estimated appropriation needed from Coal Tax Fund: \$ See attached

Other comments on cost: Proposal will vary dependant on the amount
of land State purchases for park.

8. If available, please attach a map and photographs of the proposed site:

PROPOSAL EVALUATION

Answering the following questions will help determine the value of your proposal to the State Park System.

1. Please check the recreational activities that could take place frequently at this site.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Walking for pleasure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fishing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bicycling	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Camping
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bird-Watching	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boating	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scenery Viewing
<input type="checkbox"/> Historic or Natural Interpretation		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: specify <u>ice skating and ice boats</u>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: specify <u>snowmobiling</u>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: specify <u>cross-country skiing</u>		

2. During what season would this site receive use?

☒ fall ☒ winter ☒ spring ☒ summer

3. Does this site have historic or archaeologic value?

☒ no ☐ yes, if yes, please explain: _____

4. Does this site have scenic value?

☐ no ☒ yes: If yes, please explain: _____
Wooded lakesite, with sloped beaches with plentiful bird wildlife.

5. Does this site have scientific value? (scientific value could be defined as ecological or geological features).

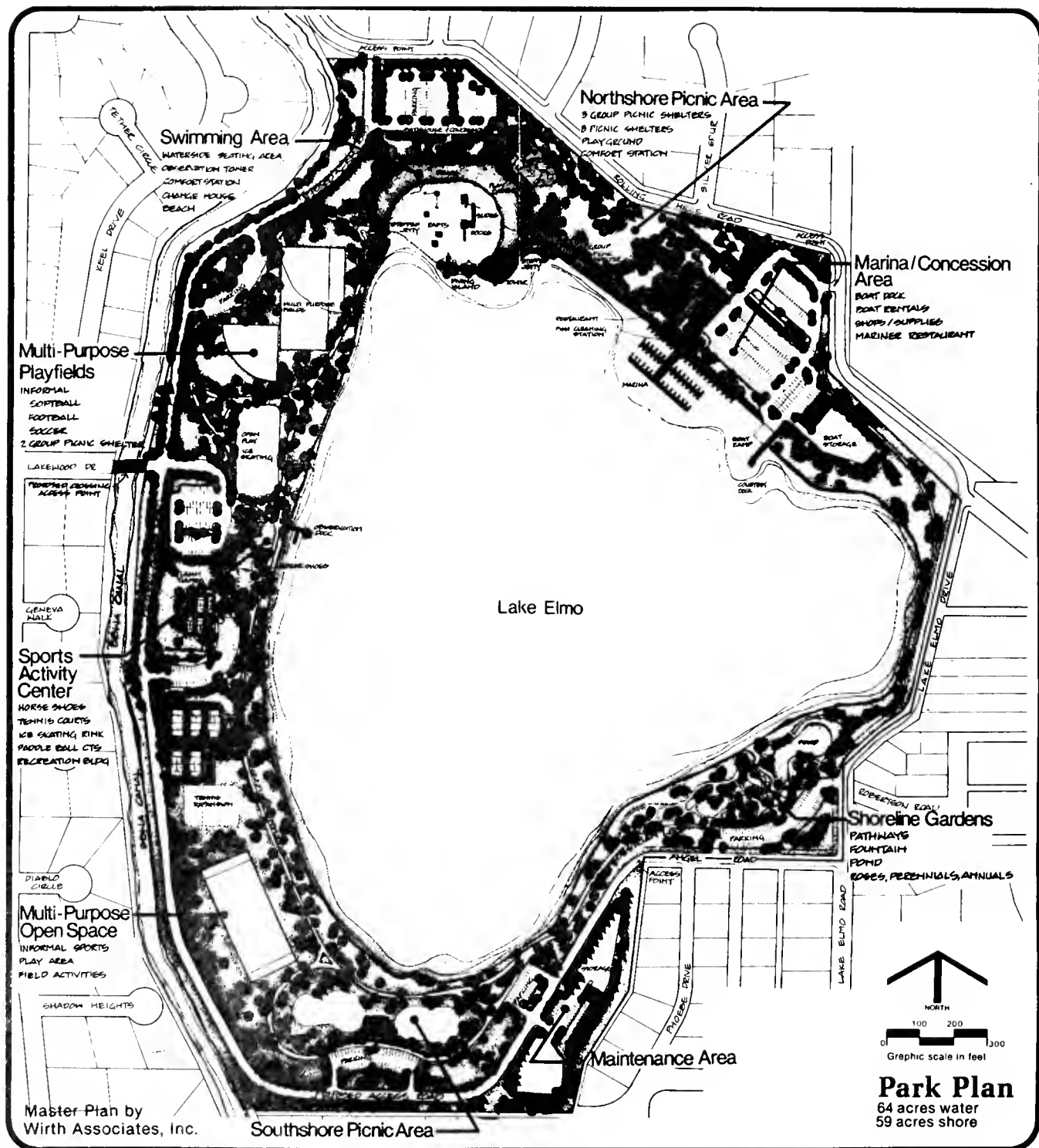
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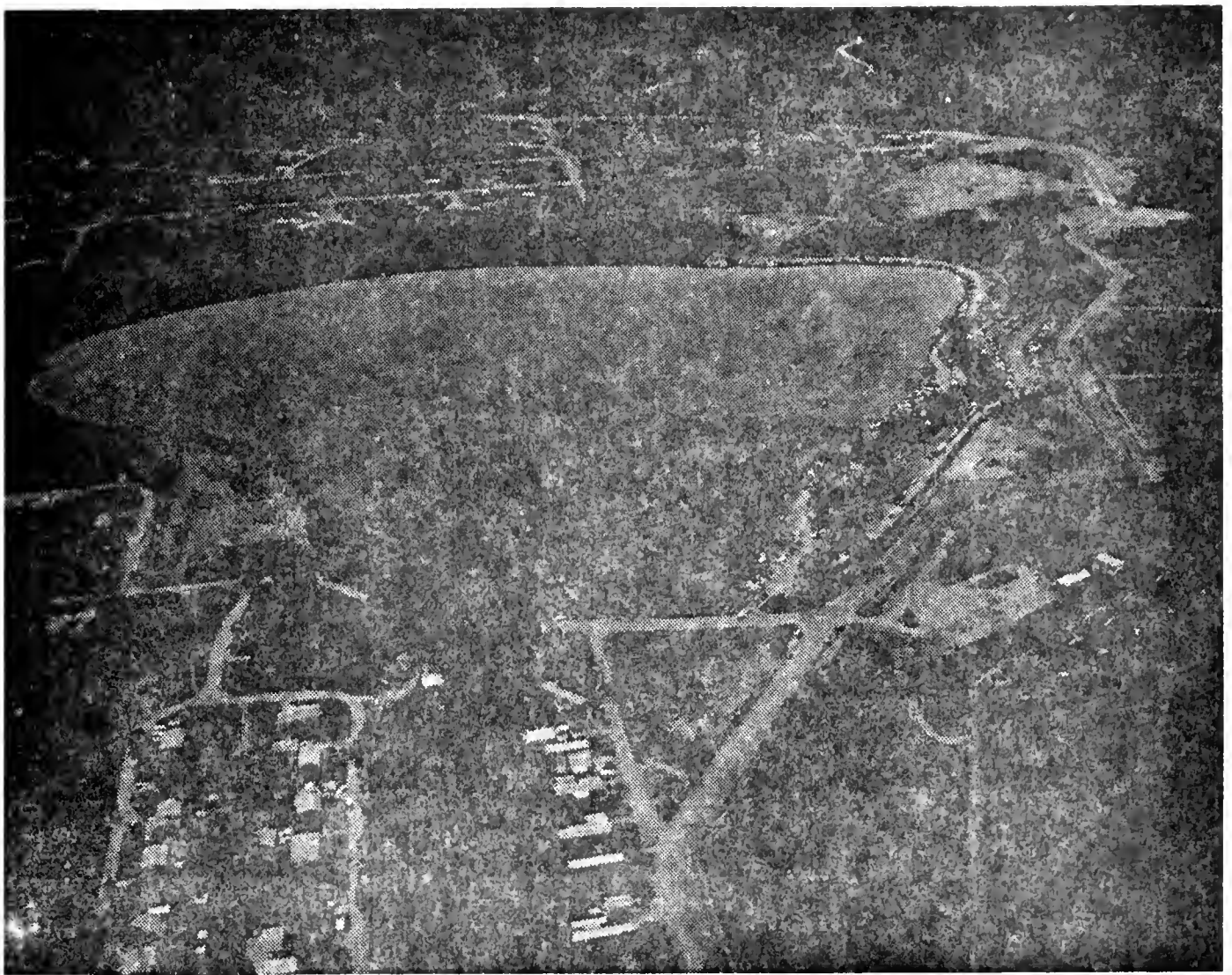
See # 4, Re: ecological features

6. Please explain your conception of the possible future management and development of this site:

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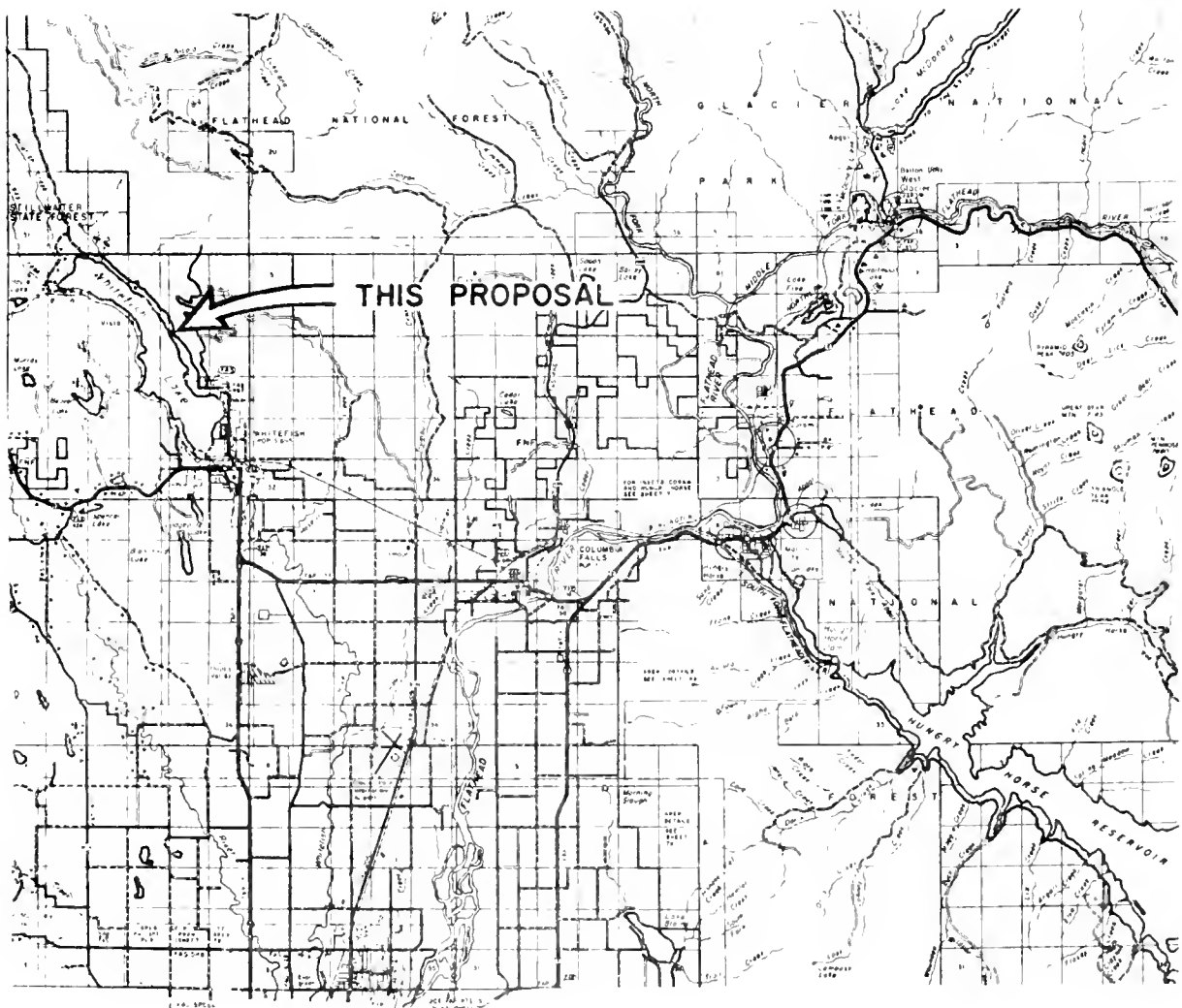
The Lake Elmo Alternative Master Plan Analysis prepared by Wirth Associates for Kimble Properties was submitted with the application and is available in the Parks Division files.





Les Mason Memorial Park

Van H. Gilchrist and Martin Gilman of Whitefish above proposed this 7.5 acre site which includes Whitefish Lake frontage. The owners, Shirley Jacobsen, Betty Snyder and Barbara King, all sisters, are asking the 1982 appraised value of the site -- \$800,000. This proposal was also submitted to the 1981 Legislature but was not funded.



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1983 COAL TAX PARK PROPOSAL

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1. Site Name (if any): (Proposed) Les Mason Memorial Park

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2. Site Location: County: Flathead

RECREATION & PARKS
DIVISION

Township 31N Range 22W Section 11

Near (town, landmark, etc.) Whitefish, near Big Mountain Ski area.

3. Please describe the site's qualities that make it unique or otherwise eligible for the State Park System:

This is the last major piece of assessable Whitefish Lake frontage.

Site is generally level with 587' frontage on popular Whitefish

Lake. Property also abuts East Lakeshore Drive (Montana Highway

#487) providing very good paved access. Located in the heart of

the Big Mountain recreation area. Near Glacier National Park.

4. Project Sponsor: See attached. Agency (if any): Van H. Gilchrist
Martin Gilman

Address: 57 Scarborough, Kalispell, Mont. Telephone: 257-4995
59901

Will the sponsor be able to appear before a Legislative Committee to support this proposal?

XXXXX yes _____ no

5. For what price is the owner willing to sell? \$800,000

Shirley Jacobson

I, Betty Snyder-Barbara King, owner of Les Mason Memorial Park (proposed
(owner's name) (site name)

verify by my signature that the information in number 5 above is correct.

6. Appraisal

Has the proposed site been appraised by a professional land appraiser?

XXXXX yes _____ no If yes, when? November 26, 1982

The department encourages project sponsors to submit an appraisal establishing the fair market value of the site. Will you be able to provide one?

XXX yes _____ no

7. Cost of Site Acquisition

Appraised value of this site \$ 880,500 Top Price - (\$800,000 avg. value)

(Date of appraisal: Nov. 26, 1982)

Donation of other sources of assistance \$ _____
(if any, please specify):

Estimated appropriation needed from Coal Tax Fund: \$ 800,000

Other comments on cost: Information in appraisal.

8. If available, please attach a map and photographs of the proposed site:

See appraisal.

PROPOSAL EVALUATION

Answering the following questions will help determine the value of your proposal to the State Park System.

1. Please check the recreational activities that could take place frequently at this site.

☒ Walking for pleasure ☒ Picnicking ☒ Fishing
☒ Bicycling ☐ Hunting ☒ Camping
☒ Bird-Watching ☒ Boating ☒ Scenery Viewing
☒ Historic or Natural Interpretation
☒ Other: specify Ice skating, skiing, snowmobiling, all winter sport
☒ Other: specify Excellent swimming beach.
☒ Other: specify Located in heart of Big Mountain recreational area
☒ Other: specify Near Glacier National Park

2. During what season would this site receive use?

☒ fall ☒ winter ☒ spring ☒ summer

3. Does this site have historic or archaeologic value?

☒ no ☐ yes, if yes, please explain: _____

4. Does this site have scenic value?

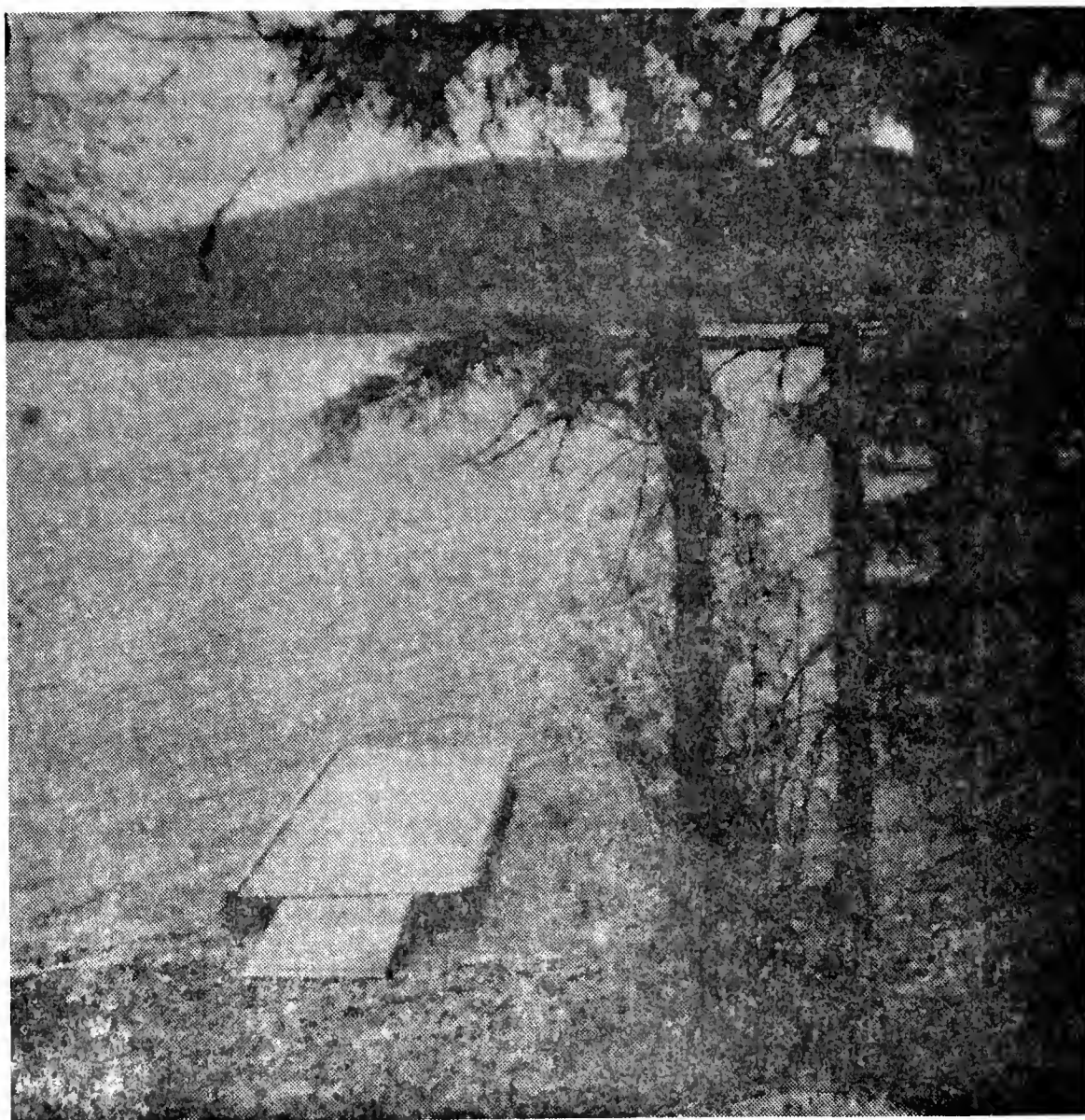
☐ no ☒ yes: If yes, please explain: Whitefish Lake is one of
the most beautiful and the most highly prized of the many lakes
in Northwestern Montana. It is the center of a vast year around
recreation area. There are only two accesses for the public and
they are over crowded and over used. If this property is lost
to public use there is nothing left that would be appropriate
and Whitefish Lake would be forever for the use by the privileged-
few with extremely limited means of use for the general public.

5. Does this site have scientific value? (scientific value could be defined as ecological or geological features).

X no _____ yes: If yes, please explain: _____

6. Please explain your conception of the possible future management and development of this site:

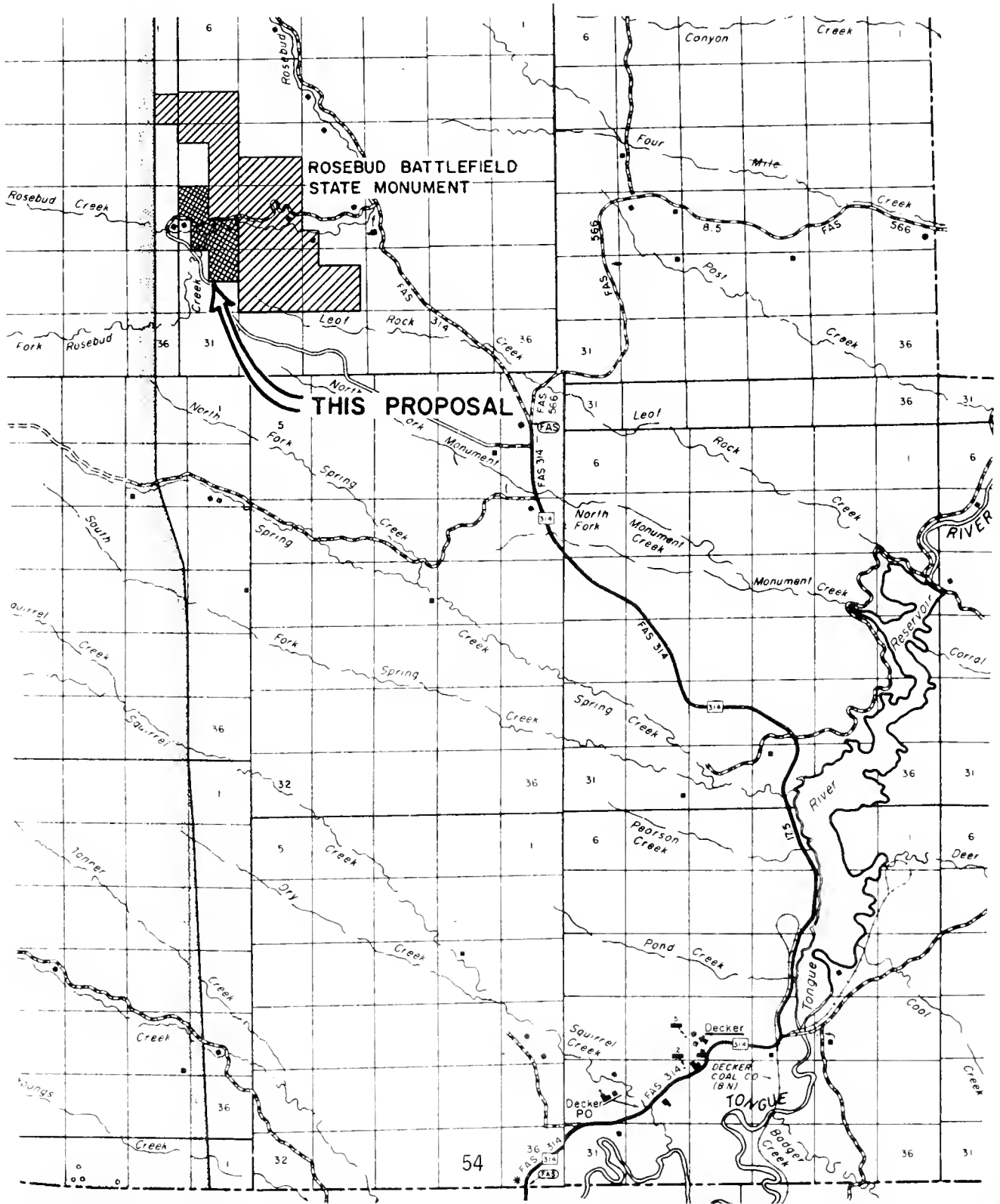
402/W See comment on #4 on other side of this page. All winter sports are available with the Big Mountain Skii Area rising above the property. Cross country skiing, snowmobiling, skating, etc. on and around the property. Spring, Summer and Fall activities of all kinds on and around Whitefish Lake and the surrounding area. The public would have the opportunity to enjoy the year around activities and beauty available here. The present limited access to Whitefish Lake would continue for all time if this property is not set aside for the enjoyment of the public.





Michael Ranch

The 511 acre Michael Ranch has been proposed by its owners, Andy and Fern Michael, as an addition to the Rosebud Battlefield State Monument. The heaviest fighting of the Rosebud battle occurred on Royal's Ridge which is contained in the proposed site. The site also contains over one mile of Rosebud Creek bottom. The owners are asking \$250,000 for the site.



1983 COAL TAX PARK PROPOSAL

1. Site Name (if any): Michael Ranch

2. Site Location: County: Big Horn
Township 7S Range 39E Section (Part) 19 & 30
Near (town, landmark, etc.) Rosebud Battlefield State Monument

3. Please describe the site's qualities that make it unique or otherwise eligible for the State Park System:

The ranch consists of approximately 511 acres of grazing land, dryland cropland, and over a mile of creekbottom on the north fork, south fork, and main fork of Rosebud Creek. The Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks has previously identified the ranch for potential acquisition (see enclosed map) in part due to a Bureau of Land Management recommendation to acquire this land as an addition to the Rosebud Battlefield State Monument (see enclosures).

4. Project Sponsor: Andy & Fern Michael Agency (if any): N/A
Address: HC-42 Box 640 Telephone: 757-2712
Busby, MT

Will the sponsor be able to appear before a Legislative Committee to support this proposal?

X yes no

5. For what price is the owner willing to sell? \$ 250,000

I, Fern Michael, Anderson Michael, owner of Michael Ranch
(owner's name) (site name)
verify by my signature that the information in number 5 above is correct.

6. Appraisal

Has the proposed site been appraised by a professional land appraiser?
X yes no If yes, when? November 1982

The department encourages project sponsors to submit an appraisal establishing the fair market value of the site. Will you be able to provide one?

X yes no

7. Cost of Site Acquisition

Appraised value of this site \$ 250,000*

(Date of appraisal: Nov. 22, 1982)

Donation of other sources of assistance \$ _____
(if any, please specify):

* Note: Cost equals \$358,355 total ranch market value less
\$122,980 current value of 572 acre separate parcel (equals
\$235,375) plus \$14,625 to equalize loss of value of 572
acres if sold separately.

Estimated appropriation needed from Coal Tax Fund: \$ 250,000

Other comments on cost: Initial land management costs would be
minimal and could actually produce a net income to the state
from hay and cropland. Building maintenance could be assumed
by the present owners who wish to retain a life-estate or lease
on the existing residence.

8. If available, please attach a map and photographs of the proposed site:

See attachments

PROPOSAL EVALUATION

Answering the following questions will help determine the value of your proposal to the State Park System.

1. Please check the recreational activities that could take place frequently at this site.

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Walking for pleasure	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fishing (Rosebud Creek)
<input type="checkbox"/> Bicycling	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hunting	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Camping
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bird-Watching	<input type="checkbox"/> Boating	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Scenery Viewing (Eagle Nest Peak, Bighorn Mountains)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historic or Natural Interpretation		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: specify <u>Snowmobiling</u>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: specify <u>Cross-Country Skiing</u>		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: specify <u>Horseback Riding</u>		

2. During what season would this site receive use?

☒ fall ☒ winter ☒ spring ☒ summer

3. Does this site have historic or archaeologic value? (numbers below keyed to map)
- ☐ no ☒ yes, if yes, please explain: The land is important to Rosebud Battlefield State Monument for several reasons:

1. It contains part of Royal's Ridge where the heaviest part of the fighting took place.
2. It contains the route of Foster's Charge.
3. It contains the western portion of Crook's Camp along Rosebud Creek.
4. It contains Eagle Nest Peak, a landmark near which two archaeological sites of unknown extent (24BH2202, 24BH2218) were

4. Does this site have scenic value? discovered in 1981. (continued on back)
- ☐ no ☒ yes: If yes, please explain: Eagle Nest Peak itself is a prominent and unusual feature aside from the spectacular views of the Bighorn Mountains and 13,175 foot Cloud Peak 40 miles to the south.

5. Does this site have scientific value? (scientific value could be defined as ecological or geological features).

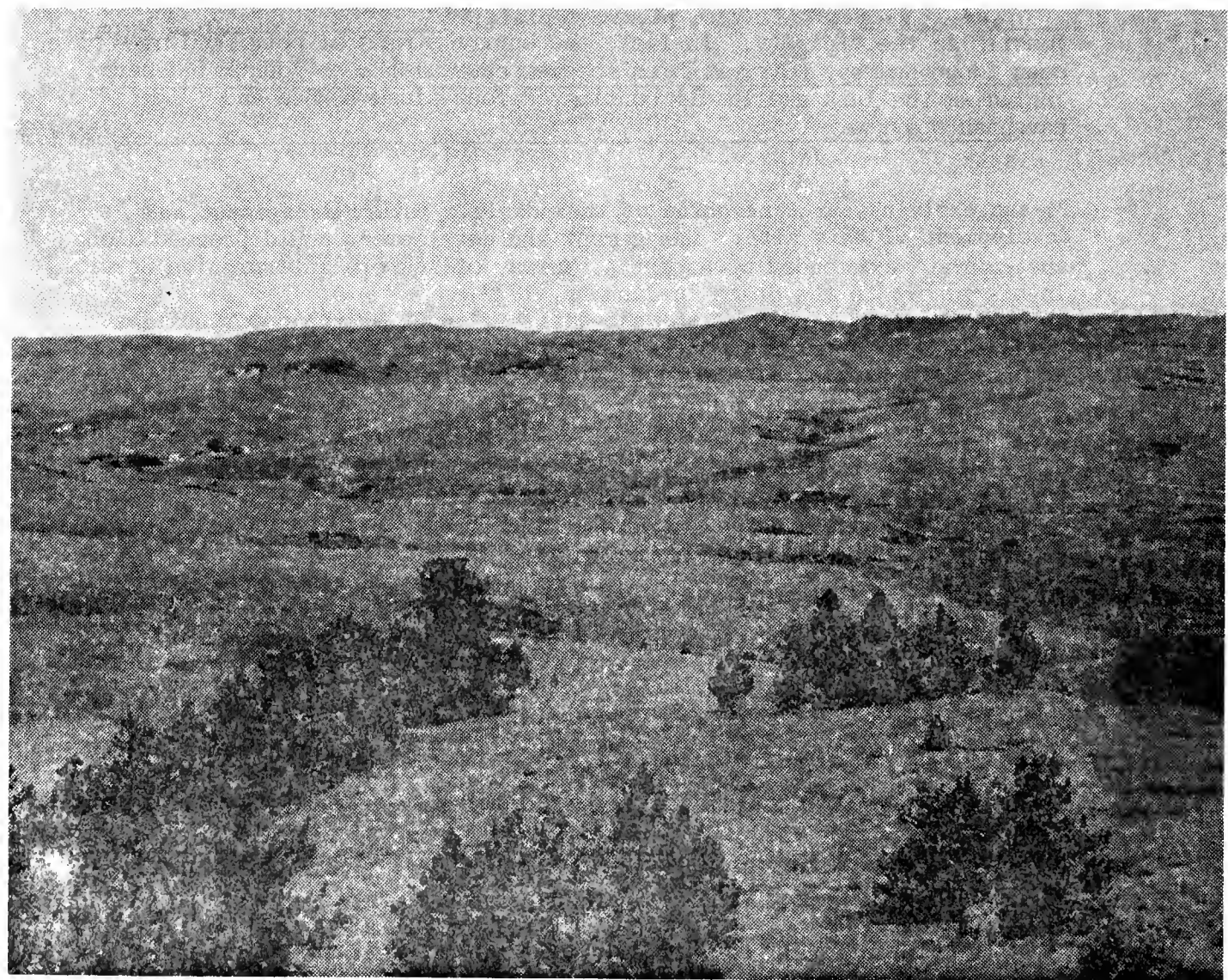
no X yes: If yes, please explain: It would not be unusual to find fossils in the vicinity. In fact, the entire stumps of petrified trees have been found nearby. Over 21 bird species have also been identified here including the lark and lazuli bunting, Rufous-sided towhee and Savannah sparrow.

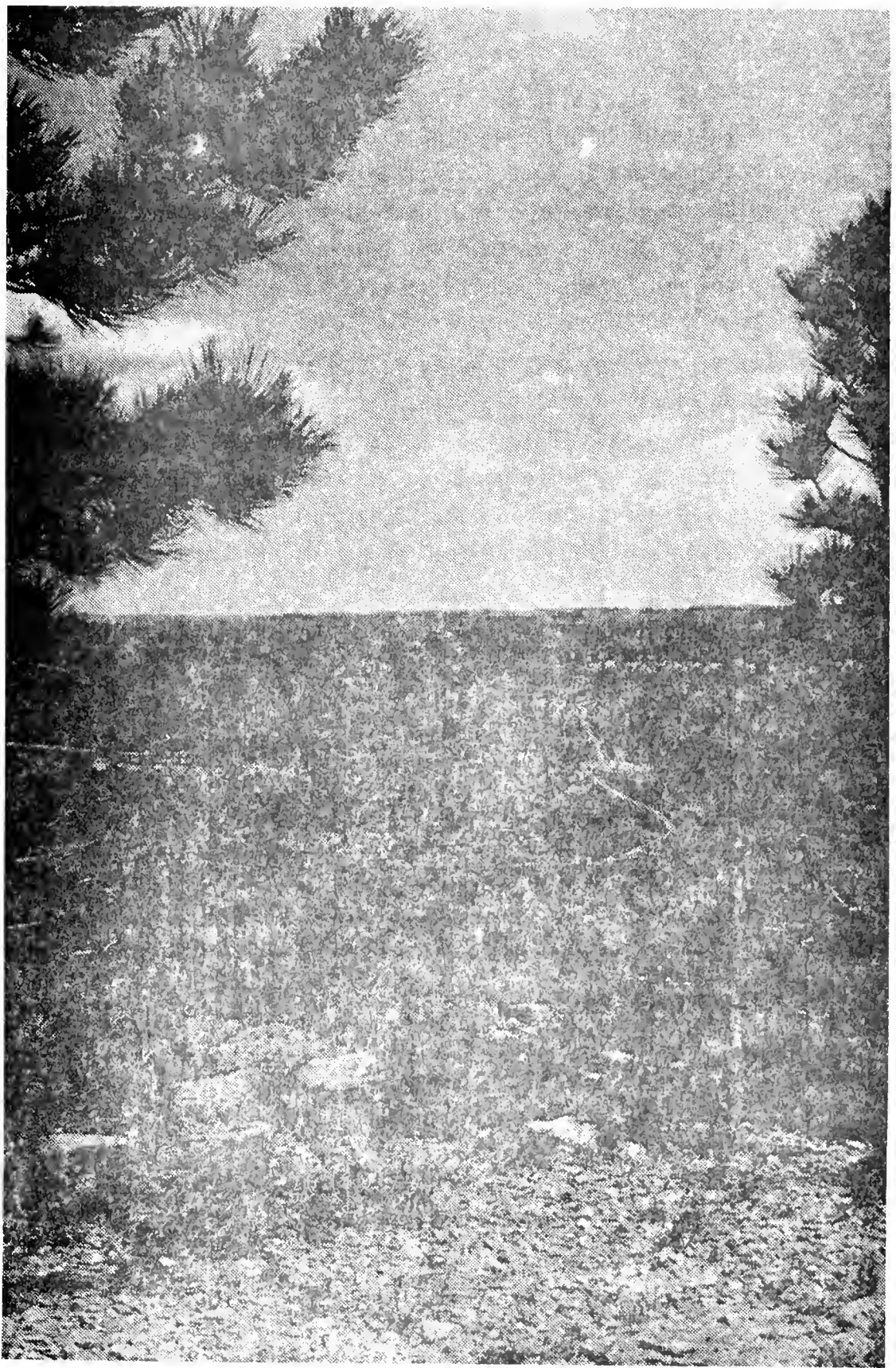
6. Please explain your conception of the possible future management and development of this site: Management and development could proceed along the course recommended by Robert A. Murray of Western Interpretive Services in his report to the State in January, 1979.

He suggests a program to make visitors aware of the opportunities available here coupled with the development of an all-weather access road and adequate parking with modest outdoor interpretive displays.

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5. It contains the only existing and nearest potential road access to the Royal's Ridge and Andrews Point vicinities on the Rosebud Battlefield.

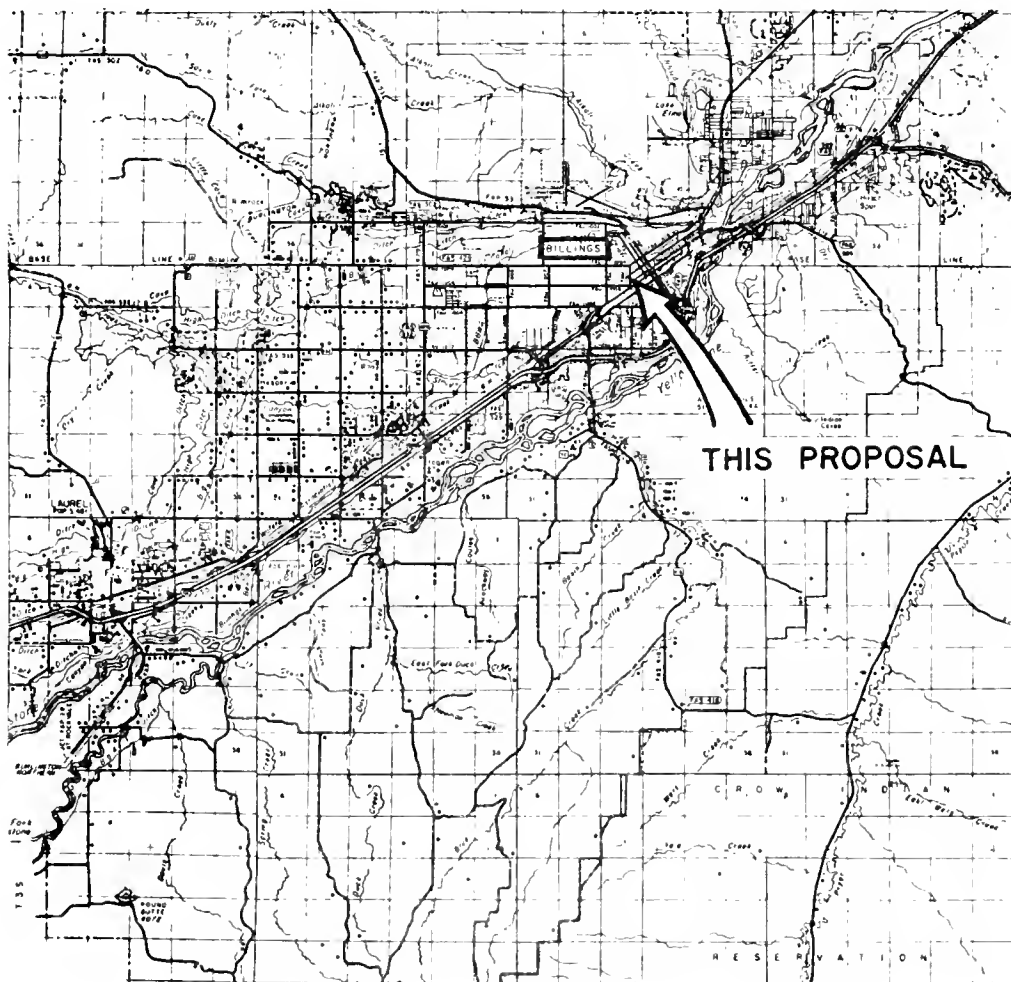




Moss Mansion

The City of Billings Community Development Department has proposed the acquisition of the historical home of Preston B. Moss, and early Billings banker and investor. The present owner, Miss Melville Moss, desires to preserve the home as a landmark to her father's contributions to the City of Billings and to the State of Montana.

The 1982 appraised fair market value of the property is \$500,000. The owner, who is 86, would require a life estate. The value of the property subject to the life estate is \$241,150. The owner is willing to contribute \$138,650 bringing the purchase price to \$102,500. The City of Billings will furnish \$25,500 of this price bringing the amount requested from the parks Coal Tax trust fund to \$77,000.



1983 COAL TAX PARK PROPOSAL

1. Site Name (if any): Preston B. Moss Mansion

2. Site Location: County: Yellowstone

Township 1 South Range 26 East Section 4

Near (town, landmark, etc.) 914 Division Street, Billings, Montana

3. Please describe the site's qualities that make it unique or otherwise eligible for the State Park System:

One of the major purposes of the Coal Tax park fund is to "preserve, protect, and enhance objects, features, or places of historical, geological, archaeological, or scientific importance, including commemoration of outstanding persons or events." This application represents a unique and, perhaps, the only opportunity to preserve and protect one of the most historic structures in the State of Montana, the 1901 home of Preston B. Moss, an early Billings banker, utility organizer, investor, and businessman. The property has recently been added to the National Register of Historic Places by the U.S. Department of the Interior because of its historical and architectural significance.

The home has remained in the Moss family since its construction and is presently occupied by Miss Melville Moss, the last surviving child of Preston B. Moss. Prompted by her age (86), failing health, and a desire to see the home preserved as a landmark to her father's contributions to the City of Billings and the State of Montana, Miss Moss and her niece, Marge Moss, have approached the City of Billings to assist in the preservation effort. This application represents months of negotiations between the City of Billings and the Moss family and their attorneys. It is the feeling of the City of Billings that the funding of this application and the inclusion of the Moss Mansion in the State Park System is essential to the ongoing preservation of this resource.

4. Project Sponsor: City of Billings Agency (if any): Community Development

Address: P.O. Box 1178 Telephone: 406-657-8287

Billings, MT 59103

Will the sponsor be able to appear before a Legislative Committee to support this proposal?

 x yes no

5. For what price is the owner willing to sell? \$ 102,500 - See "Supplemental Information"

I, _____, owner of _____
(owner's name) (site name)

verify by my signature that the information in number 5 above is correct.

6. Appraisal

Has the proposed site been appraised by a professional land appraiser?

 x yes no If yes, when? April 22, 1982

The department encourages project sponsors to submit an appraisal establishing the fair market value of the site. Will you be able to provide one?

 x yes no

7. Cost of Site Acquisition

Appraised value of this site \$ 500,000.00

(Date of appraisal: 4-22-82)

Donation of other sources of assistance \$ 423,000.00
(if any, please specify):

According to the appraisal, the fair market value of the Moss Mansion and the 63,750 square feet of land upon which it sits has been established at \$500,000. The requirement for a life estate results in a discounted present value of \$241,150.

It should be noted that the quoted sale price is subject to a life estate in favor of Miss Melville Moss. As pointed out in the attached appraisal report, life insurance mortality tables project the life expectancy for a person of Miss Moss's age to be a little over four years.

The Moss family has agreed to donate the structure and one-third of the land package in exchange for a payment of \$102,500, the appraised value of the balance of the land package subject to a life tenancy. This application represents a request for \$77,000 of this purchase price, the balance to be furnished by the City of Billings.

\$ 500,000	Appraised fair market value
- 258,850	Value of life estate
<u>\$ 241,150</u>	Value subject to life estate
- 138,650	Contribution of Moss family
<u>\$ 102,500</u>	Proposed purchase price
- 25,500	Cash contribution -- City of Billings
<u>\$ 77,000</u>	Requested Coal Tax park funds

8. If available, please attach a map and photographs of the proposed site:

See attachments. Complete photo documentation is included in the appraisal report.

PROPOSAL EVALUATION

Answering the following questions will help determine the value of your proposal to the State Park System.

1. Please check the recreational activities that could take place frequently at this site.

<input type="checkbox"/> Walking for pleasure	<input type="checkbox"/> Picnicking	<input type="checkbox"/> Fishing
<input type="checkbox"/> Bicycling	<input type="checkbox"/> Hunting	<input type="checkbox"/> Camping
<input type="checkbox"/> Bird-Watching	<input type="checkbox"/> Boating	<input type="checkbox"/> Scenery Viewing
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historic or Natural Interpretation		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: specify _____		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: specify _____		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other: specify _____		

2. During what season would this site receive use?

☒ fall ☒ winter ☒ spring ☒ summer

3. Does this site have historic or archaeological value?

☐ no ☒ yes, if yes, please explain: _____
See "Supplemental Information" in Parks Division files.

4. Does this site have scenic value?

☐ no ☒ yes: If yes, please explain: _____
See "Supplemental Information" in Parks Division files.

5. Does this site have scientific value? (scientific value could be defined as ecological or geological features).

 no x yes: If yes, please explain: _____

6. Please explain your conception of the possible future management and development of this site:

It is the intent of the Moss family to preserve the house in its original condition and have it open to the public as a monument to Preston B. Moss. Escorted, interpretive tours would almost certainly be a part of the ongoing management plan for such a facility.

Because the property is presently in relatively good condition, renovation and repair costs would be minimal. Any such costs would, of course, be deferred until such time as the control of the property was relinquished by the Moss family.

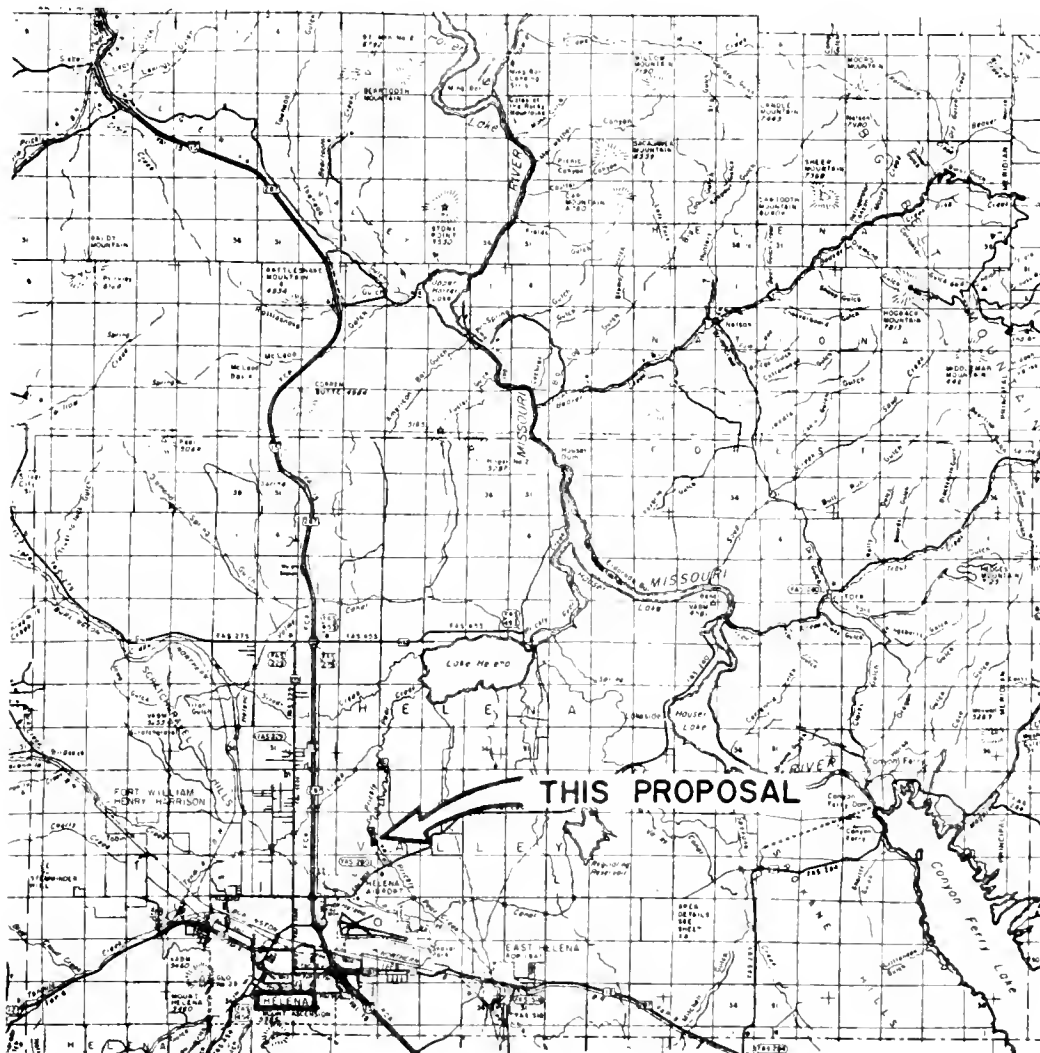
During the interim, it is the recommendation of the City of Billings that the State Parks Division, the Montana Historical Society, the Moss family, and the City of Billings work in concert to develop a sound management plan for this facility.





Prickly Pear Creek

This 30 acre site containing Big Prickly Pear Creek frontage has been proposed by its owners, Sharon and Ralph Olson. This site is located in the Helena Valley and was identified in the preliminary Lewis and Clark County park plan as a potential acquisition for a green belt along the creek. The site provides fishing, deer and duck habitat, and other recreational opportunities. The owners have not had an appraisal completed but have expressed the desire to negotiate "the fair market value." They are asking \$210,000 for the site.



1983 COAL TAX PARK PROPOSAL

1. Site Name (if any): Prickly Pear Creek - Olson Ranch

2. Site Location: County: Lewis & Clark
Township 10 Range 3 Section 9
Near (town, landmark, etc.) Helena - Valley Center

3. Please describe the site's qualities that make it unique or otherwise eligible for the State Park System:
year round flowing creek for fishing, trees, grass.
Uses fishing, picnics, hiking or jogging, possibly
Bow hunting (deer & duck). Golfing, bird preserve, house paths, winter
skating, bird dog training. Other land available, possible adjacent lands
available. Only 3 miles from town so within walking or biking distance and
in center of the valley. Has 30+ acres with creek running through. Has
two adjacent historic ranch sites. One mile from Helena and close to
subdivisions.

4. Project Sponsor: Ralph Olson Agency (if any): _____
Address: 2220 York Road Telephone: 443-2220
Helena, Montana 59601

Will the sponsor be able to appear before a Legislative Committee to support this proposal?
X yes no

5. For what price is the owner willing to sell? \$ 210,000.00 -- negotiable
I, Ralph C. Olson, owner of Olson Ranch-Big Prickly Pear
(owner's name) (site name)
verify by my signature that the information in number 5 above is correct.

6. Appraisal
Has the proposed site been appraised by a professional land appraiser?
 yes X no If yes, when? _____

The department encourages project sponsors to submit an appraisal establishing the fair market value of the site. Will you be able to provide one?
 yes X no

7. Cost of Site Acquisition

Appraised value of this site \$ _____

(Date of appraisal: _____)

Donation of other sources of assistance \$ _____
(if any, please specify):

We would like to negotiate on fair price with you.

Estimated appropriation needed from Coal Tax Fund: \$ 210,000

Other comments on cost: _____

8. If available, please attach a map and photographs of the proposed site:

PROPOSAL EVALUATION

Answering the following questions will help determine the value of your proposal to the State Park System.

1. Please check the recreational activities that could take place frequently at this site.

☒ Walking for pleasure ☒ Picnicking ☒ Fishing & Swimming
☒ Bicycling ☒ Hunting ☒ Camping
☒ Bird-Watching ☒ Boating/Canoe ☒ Scenery Viewing
☐ Historic or Natural Interpretation
☒ Other: specify Adjacent to (2) Historic ranch sites
☒ Other: specify Adjacent to Stanchfield Lake
☒ Dog Training ☒ Bird Watching ☒ Jogging ☒ Skating

2. During what season would this site receive use?

☒ fall ☒ winter ☒ spring ☒ summer

3. Does this site have historic or archaeologic value?

☐ no ☒ yes, if yes, please explain: Indian relics have been found
here; arrow heads & rock hammers

4. Does this site have scenic value?

☐ no ☒ yes: If yes, please explain: A pretty spot by itself
with view of valley and mountains in all directions. Lovely view of town
at night.

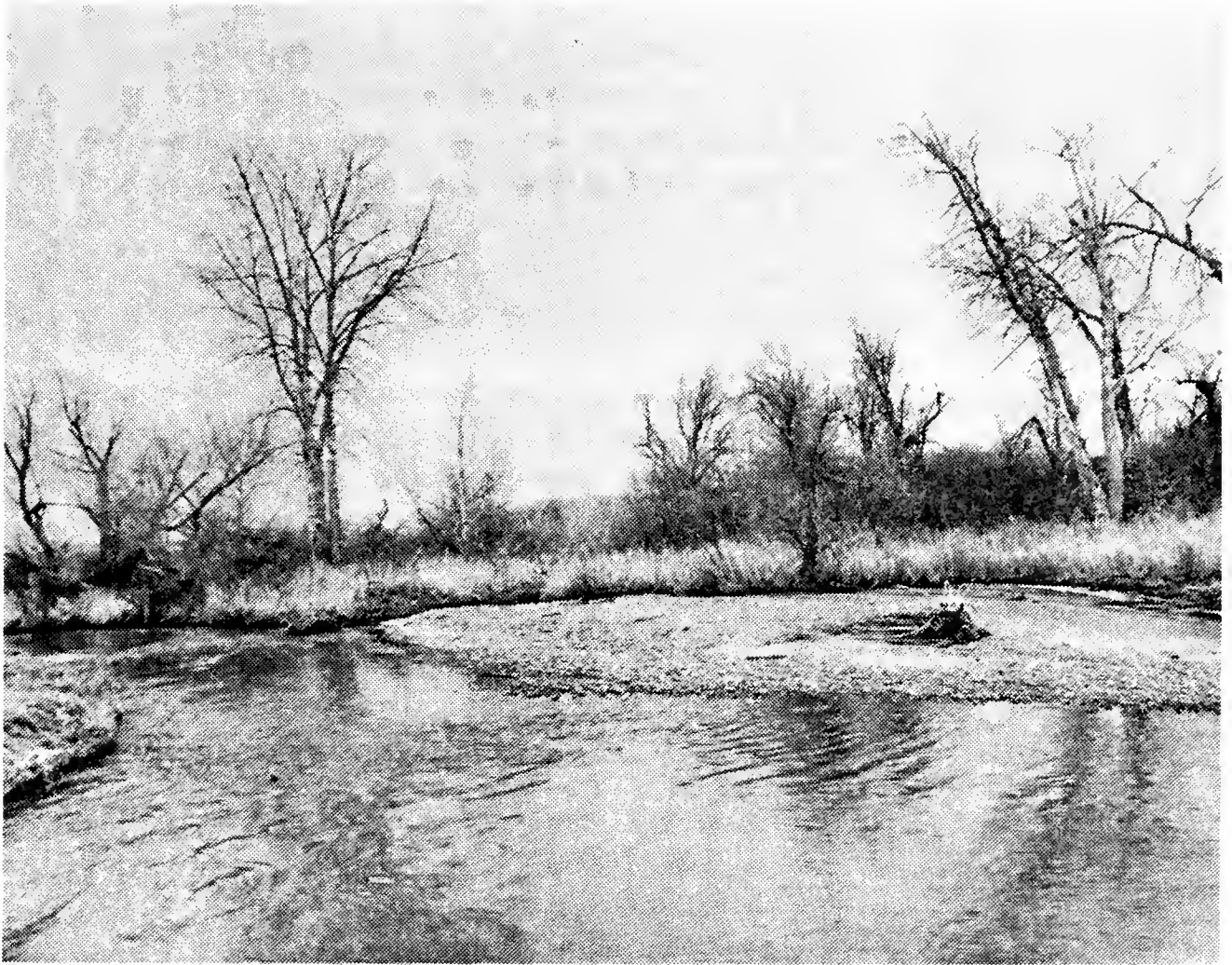
5. Does this site have scientific value? (scientific value could be defined as ecological or geological features).

 no X yes: If yes, please explain: ecological - pursuing
natural bird habitat and clean water

6. Please explain your conception of the possible future management and development of this site:

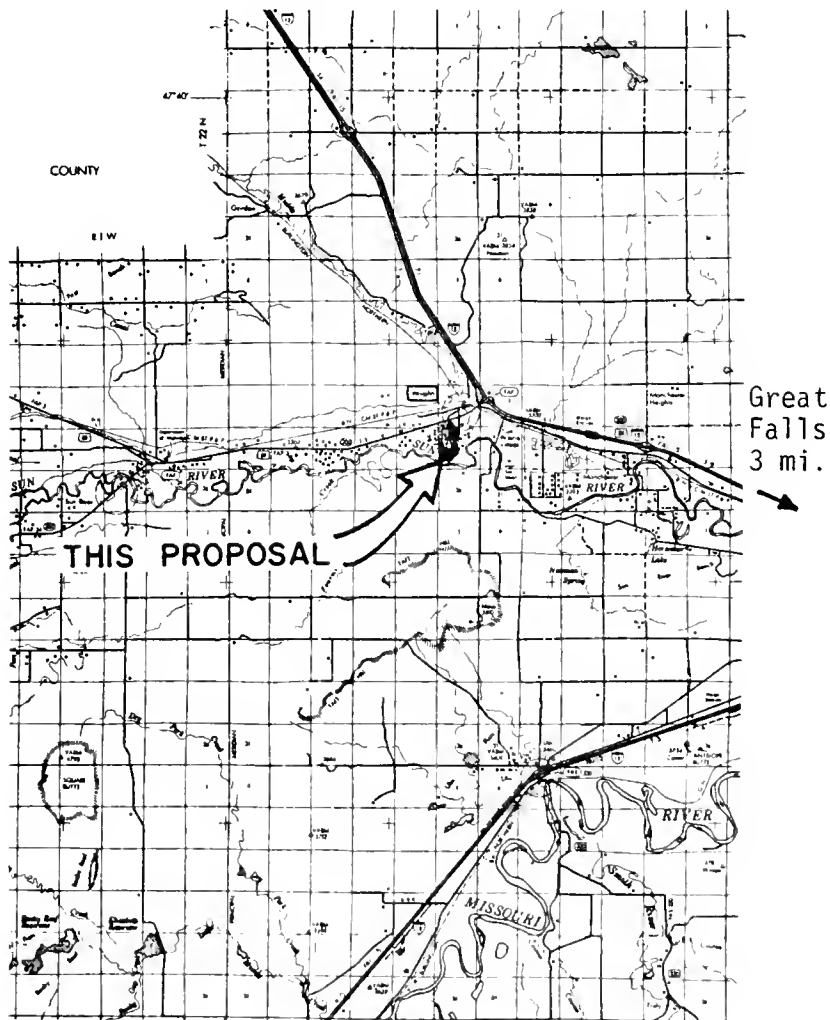
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Articles have appeared in local papers over the past year, regarding making the Prickly Pear a recreation park for local residence within walking distance of Helena to conserve (gas) energy. Also to preserve clean water.



Vaughn Homestead

The Robert Vaughn/Captain Couch Ranch and Nielsen Farm has been proposed as a Coal Tax park site by Perry Nielsen, a son/nephew of the owners. This homestead is listed on the National Register of Historical Sites. The owners, James C. Nielsen, Jr. and Sterlin C. Nielsen, are asking \$600,000 for the site which includes the buildings from the original ranch and approximately 200 acres of land. The site is located about one mile south the town of Vaughn.



1983 COAL TAX PARK PROPOSAL

1. Site Name (if any): Robert Vaughn Homestead, Nielsen Farm, Captain Couch Ranch

2. Site Location: County: Cascade
Township 21 North Range 1 East Section 24,25
Near (town, landmark, etc.) Vaughn

3. Please describe the site's qualities that make it unique or otherwise eligible for the State Park System:

1. Historical and Archeological significance

2. Outdoor Recreational uses.

3. Tourism - development potential.

4. Immediate access to major Interstate and state highway systems.

5. Public utilities availability.

4. Project Sponsor: Perry Nielsen Agency (if any): N/A
Address: P.O. Box 6 Telephone: 965-3274
Vaughn, Montana 59487

Will the sponsor be able to appear before a Legislative Committee to support this proposal?

XX yes no

5. For what price is the owner willing to sell? \$ 600,000.00
James C. Nielsen, Jr.
I, Sterlin C. Nielsen, owner of #1 above
(owner's name) (site name)
verify by my signature that the information in number 5 above is correct.

6. Appraisal
Has the proposed site been appraised by a professional land appraiser?
 yes XX no If yes, when?

The department encourages project sponsors to submit an appraisal establishing the fair market value of the site. Will you be able to provide one?
XX yes no

7. Cost of Site Acquisition NOT YET APPRAISED

Appraised value of this site \$ _____

(Date of appraisal: _____)

Donation of other sources of assistance \$ _____
(if any, please specify):

To be completed and forwarded

Estimated appropriation needed from Coal Tax Fund: \$ 600,000.00

Other comments on cost: Additional appropriations will be required
for development.

8. If available, please attach a map and photographs of the proposed site:

Sponsor also submitted a National Register of Historic Places
Nomination form and an Agricultural Land Demonstration Report which
may be reviewed in the Parks Division files.

PROPOSAL EVALUATION

Answering the following questions will help determine the value of your proposal to the State Park System.

1. Please check the recreational activities that could take place frequently at this site.

☒ Walking for pleasure ☒ Picnicking ☒ Fishing
☒ Bicycling ☒ Hunting ☒ Camping
☒ Bird-Watching ☒ Boating ☒ Scenery Viewing
☒ Historic or Natural Interpretation
☒ Other: specify Snowmobiling
☒ Other: specify Cross-country skiing
☒ Other: specify Ice skating

2. During what season would this site receive use?

☒ fall ☒ winter ☒ spring ☒ summer

3. Does this site have historic or archaeologic value?

☐ no ☒ yes, if yes, please explain: _____

Please see thesis covering this subject in detail: Contact Mt. State
Historical Society for this publication.

4. Does this site have scenic value?

☐ no ☒ yes: If yes, please explain: _____

Historic scenic value (see #3 above).

As of August 1, 1982 this site was/and is being considered for recognition
on - The National Registry of Historic Places.

5. Does this site have scientific value? (scientific value could be defined as ecological or geological features).

no X yes: If yes, please explain: _____

Last major battle between Crow tribe and Blackfeet occurred south of site
on the closest hill.

6. Please explain your conception of the possible future management and development of this site:

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State Parks Management (Part and/or Full-time, on site management).

Big House museum and complementary exhibits

Farm tour

Recreational horse-back riding

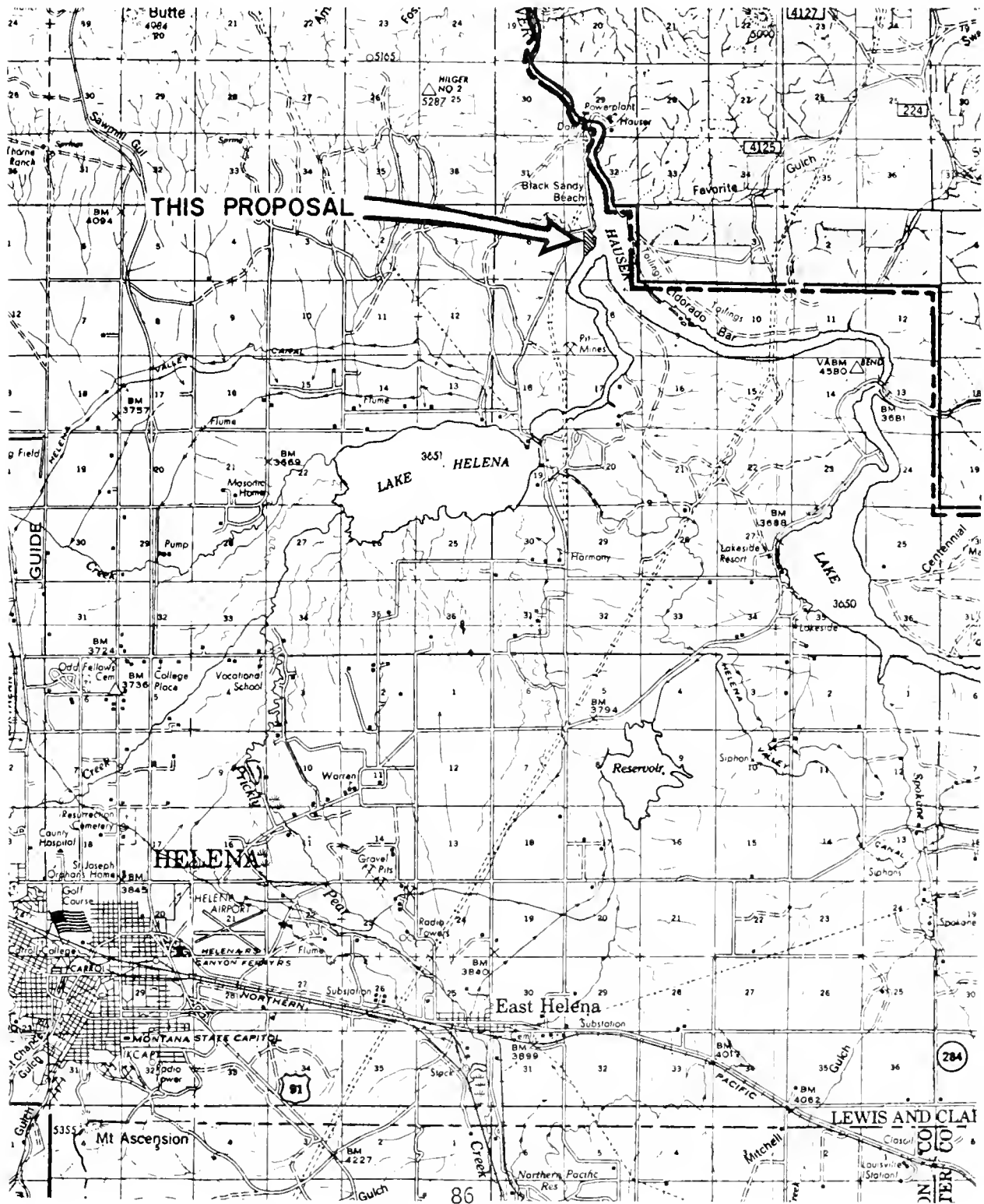
Many other possibilities depending upon degree of development.





White Sandy Beach

Proposed by the owner, Harold Poulsen, this beach area on Hauser Reservoir near Helena receives recreational use for swimming, boating, fishing and camping. The owner is asking \$420,000 or the appraised value of this 88.8 acre site. He has expressed willingness to donate part of this value for tax purposes.



1983 COAL TAX PARK PROPOSAL

1. Site Name (if any): White Sandy Beach

2. Site Location: County: Lewis & Clark

Township 11N Range 2W Section 5

Near (town, landmark, etc.) Helena; Black Sandy Beach

3. Please describe the site's qualities that make it unique or otherwise eligible for the State Park System:

The site consists of 88 acres and has 3,750 feet of frontage
on Hauser Lake. It is primarily level and covered by a fine,
white sand. It is immediately adjacent to the Black Sandy
recreation area which receives very intense usage by campers,
boaters and fishermen from Helena, Great Falls, Butte and other areas.

4. Project Sponsor: Harold Poulsen Agency (if any): _____

Address: 1527 Meadowlark Drive Telephone: 453-1372

Great Falls, Montana 59404

Will the sponsor be able to appear before a Legislative Committee to support this proposal?

XX yes _____ no

5. For what price is the owner willing to sell? \$420,000.00

I, Harold Poulsen, owner of White Sandy Beach
(owner's name) (site name)

verify by my signature that the information in number 5 above is correct.

6. Appraisal

Has the proposed site been appraised by a professional land appraiser?

XX yes _____ no If yes, when? In Progress

The department encourages project sponsors to submit an appraisal establishing the fair market value of the site. Will you be able to provide one?

XX yes _____ no

7. Cost of Site Acquisition

Appraised value of this site \$ 420,000.00

(Date of appraisal: January 5, 1983)

Donation of other sources of assistance \$ Yes
(if any, please specify):

Owner will negotiate a donation

Estimated appropriation needed from Coal Tax Fund: \$ 420,000.00

Other comments on cost: _____

8. If available, please attach a map and photographs of the proposed site:

PROPOSAL EVALUATION

Answering the following questions will help determine the value of your proposal to the State Park System.

1. Please check the recreational activities that could take place frequently at this site.

☒ Walking for pleasure ☒ Picnicking ☒ Fishing

☐ Bicycling ☐ Hunting ☒ Camping

☒ Bird-Watching ☒ Boating ☒ Scenery Viewing

☐ Historic or Natural Interpretation

☒ Other: specify SWIMMING

☐ Other: specify _____

☐ Other: specify _____

2. During what season would this site receive use?

☒ fall ☒ winter ☒ spring ☒ summer

3. Does this site have historic or archaeologic value?

☒ no ☐ yes, if yes, please explain: _____

4. Does this site have scenic value?

☐ no ☒ yes: If yes, please explain: _____

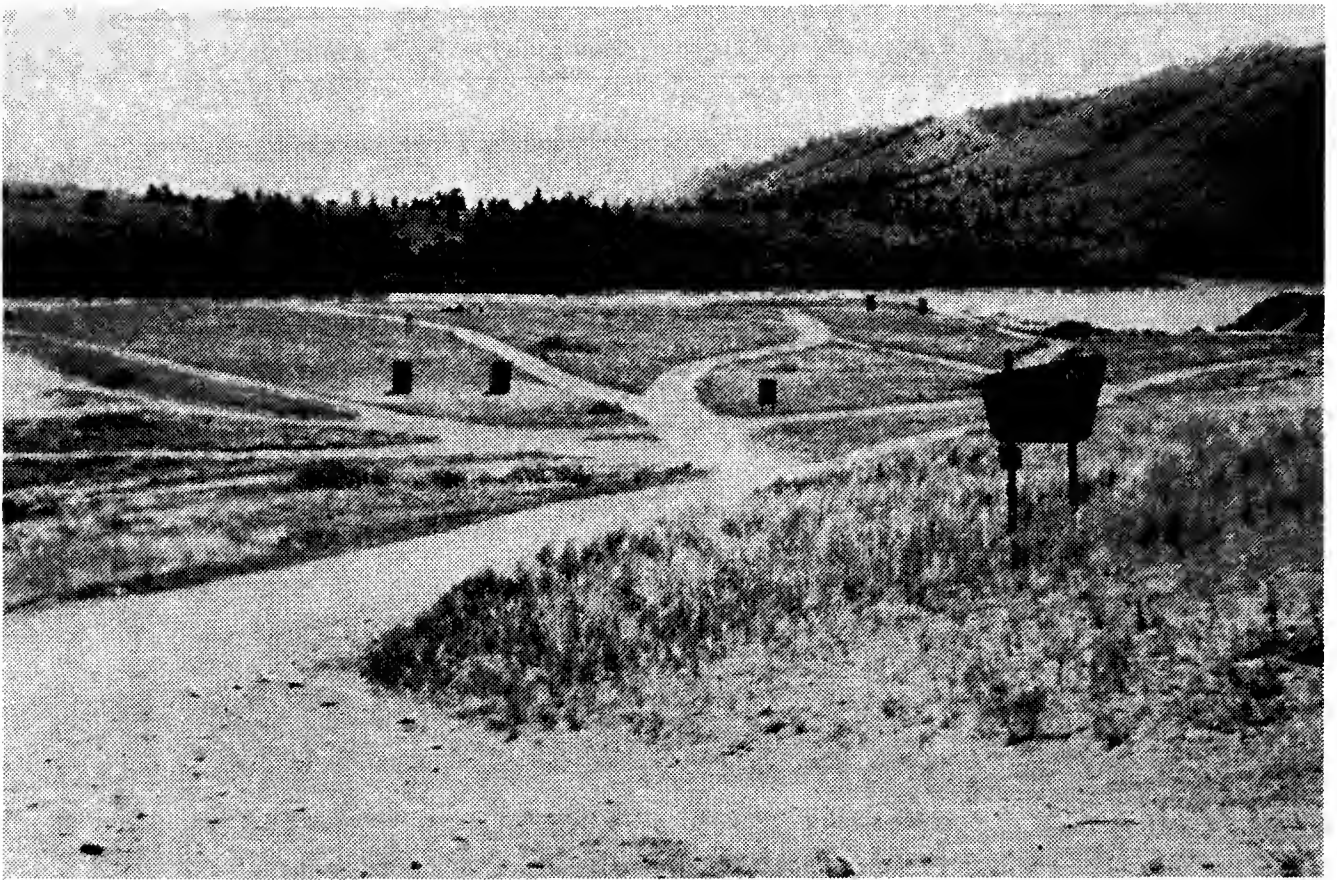
5. Does this site have scientific value? (scientific value could be defined as ecological or geological features).

 no X yes: If yes, please explain: UNIQUE WHITE LAND -
 UNUSUAL FOR MONTANA

6. Please explain your conception of the possible future management and development of this site:

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DUE TO THE ENERGY PROBLEMS FACED BY OUR NATION, THE CLOSENESS TO
HELENA AND GREAT FALLS OF THIS UNIQUE SAND BEACH WITH GREAT DEPTH
MAKES THIS AREA IDEAL FOR FISHING, CAMPING AND GENERAL OUTDOOR
RECREATION WITH A MINIMUM OF DEVELOPMENT COST.



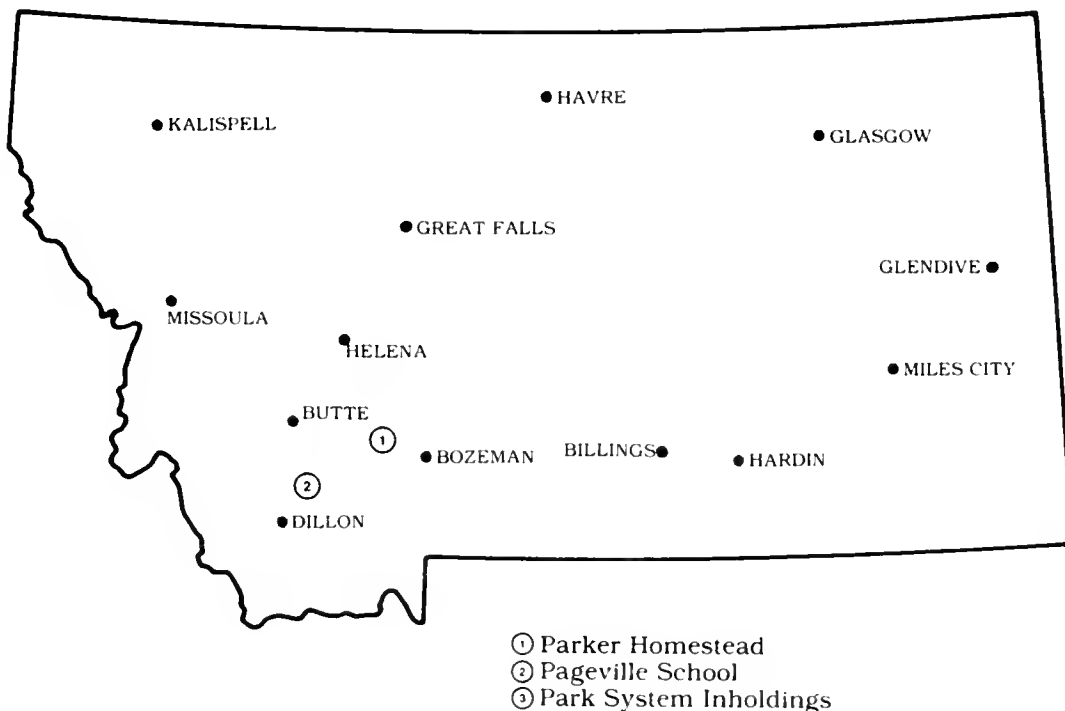


DEPARTMENT OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS PROPOSALS

The 1981 Legislature's Long Range Building Committee passed a resolution (see appendix) instructing the department to submit proposals along with citizens list of proposals for areas to be purchased from the Coal Tax Trust Fund. The instructions from the resolution state in part . . .

As a "governing unit" the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks shall submit a proposal or proposals for the acquisition of a site or area described in 23-1-102 from the income of the trust fund created by 15-35-103 (2) (h) (ii). The proposal(s) shall be included in the list of areas that are proposed for purchase as additions to Montana State Parks system which the Fish and Game Commission presents to the legislature by the 15th day of the legislative session.

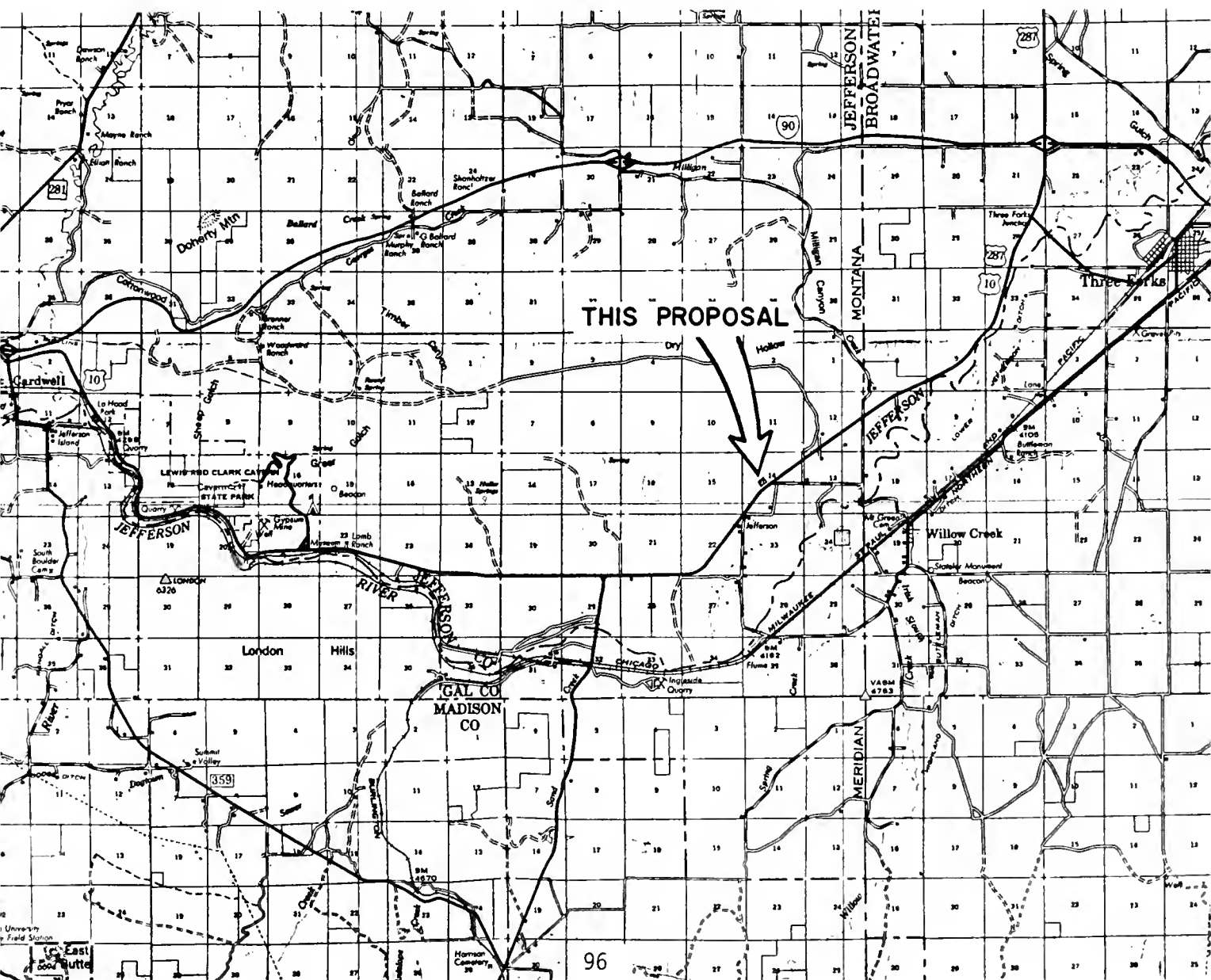
In keeping with the above resolution, the Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks submits the proposals indicated below. Additional information can be obtained by contacting Ron Holliday, Administrator of the Parks Division at 1420 East Sixth Avenue, Helena, 449-3750.



Parker Homestead

This site, located adjacent to Highway 10 between Three Forks and Lewis and Clark Caverns State Park, offers an excellent opportunity to tell the story of its homestead to the thousands of visitors who travel by each year. The focal feature of the site is a representative log homestead residence of the late 1800's era. Children born in the residence are still living and can contribute valuable interpretive insight into homestead life.

The DFWP proposes to lease this site from its owners for \$2,500 for 25 years or \$100/year. An additional \$10,000 is requested for stabilization of the structure and construction of parking and interpretive facilities.



1983 COAL TAX PARK PROPOSAL

1. Site Name (if any): Parker Homestead

2. Site Location: County: Jefferson

Township 1N Range 1W Section 12

Near (town, landmark, etc.) Three Forks

3. Please describe the site's qualities that make it unique or otherwise eligible for the State Park System:

Well preserved and picturesque old homestead residence

built around 1900.

4. Project Sponsor: MT Dept. FWP Agency (if any): _____

Address: 1420 E. 6th Avenue Telephone: _____

Helena, MT 59620

Will the sponsor be able to appear before a Legislative Committee to support this proposal?

X yes _____ no

5. For what price is the owner willing to lease \$2,500.00
For what price is the owner willing to ~~xxx~~? \$ (100.00/yr for 25 years)

I John J. Beardsley, owner of _____
(owner's name) (site name)

Verify by my signature that the information in number 5 above is correct.

6. Appraisal

Has the proposed site been appraised by a professional land appraiser?

_____ yes X no If yes, when? _____

The department encourages project sponsors to submit an appraisal establishing the fair market value of the site. Will you be able to provide one?

_____ yes X no N.A.

7. Cost of Site Acquisition

Appraised value of this site \$ N.A.

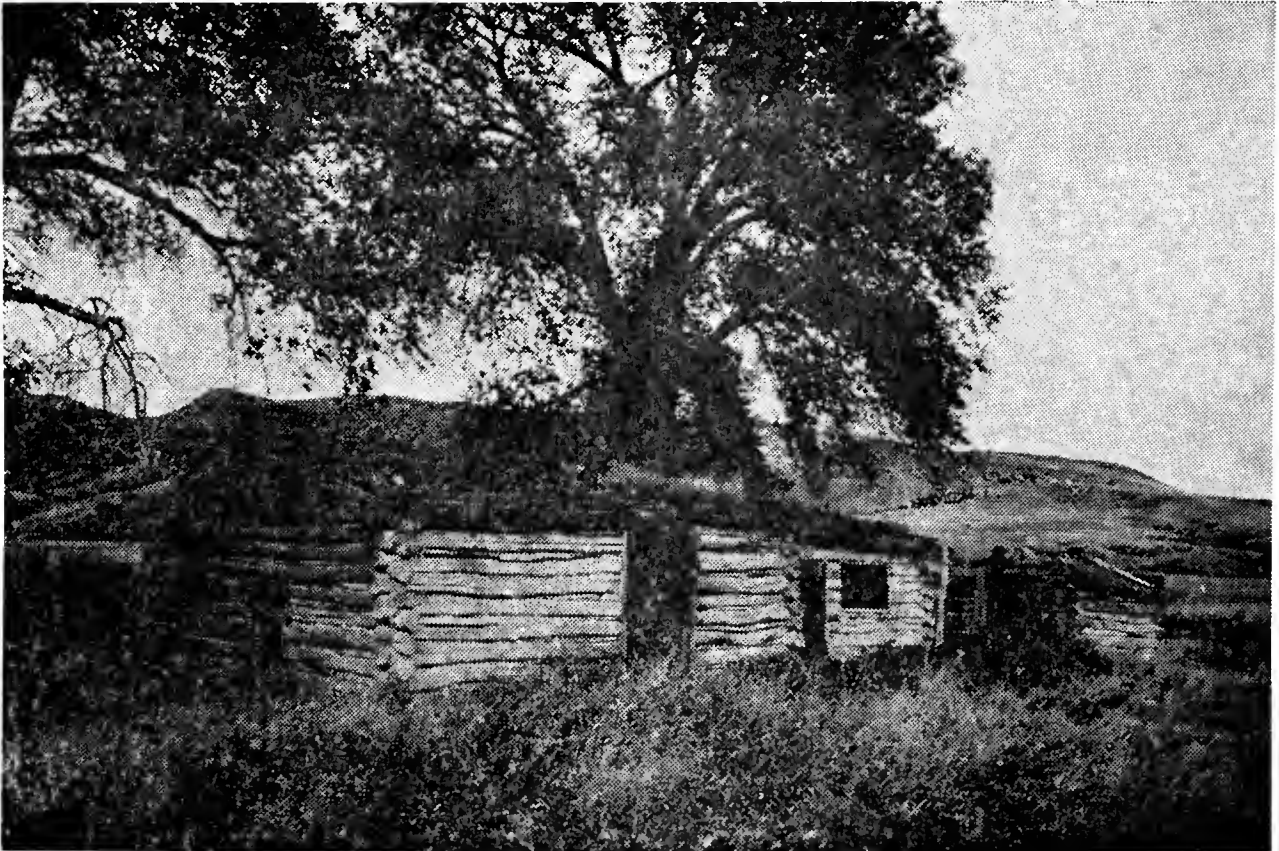
(Date of appraisal: _____)

Donation of other sources of assistance \$ N.A.
(if any, please specify):

Estimated appropriation needed from Coal Tax Fund: \$ 2,500.00 Acquisition

Other comments on cost: An additional \$10,000.00 is requested for
stabilization of the structure (roof, foundation, window and
door repair) and construction of parking and interpretive facilities.

8. If available, please attach a map and photographs of the proposed site:



PROPOSAL EVALUATION

Answering the following questions will help determine the value of your proposal to the State Park System.

1. Please check the recreational activities that could take place frequently at this site.

☐ Walking for pleasure ☒ Picnicking ☐ Fishing
☐ Bicycling ☐ Hunting ☐ Camping
☐ Bird-Watching ☐ Boating ☒ Scenery Viewing
☒ Historic or Natural Interpretation
☐ Other: specify _____
☐ Other: specify _____
☐ Other: specify _____

2. During what season would this site receive use?

☒ fall ☒ winter ☒ spring ☒ summer

3. Does this site have historic or archaeological value?

☐ no ☒ yes, if yes, please explain: The focal feature of the site
is a representative log homestead residence of the late 1800's era.
Children born in the residence are still living and can contribute
valuable interpretive insight into homestead life.

4. Does this site have scenic value?

☐ no ☒ yes: If yes, please explain: The picturesque cabin is
flanked by majestic cottonwood trees in a setting of sage and
grasslands overlooking the Jefferson River valley.

5. Does this site have scientific value? (scientific value could be defined as ecological or geological features).

no ☐ yes: ☒ If yes, please explain: The site may yield valuable archaeological (historic) data if subjected to scientific investigation.

6. Please explain your conception of the possible future management and development of this site:

462/w A very conservative management approach is envisioned. The structure should first be stabilized with repairs to windows and doors, the sod roof, and the foundation. The site should be fenced to prevent damage by livestock.

The site is fortuitously located directly adjacent to Highway 10, about mid-way between the Missouri River Headwaters State Park and Lewis and Clark Caverns State Park. Each year it is passed by thousands of visitors travelling Highway 10 and provides an excellent opportunity to tell the story of the homestead, the people who lived there and the lives they led. Many visitors will find enjoyment in simply relaxing and picnicking in the shade of the cottonwoods and capturing the scene on film.

To accommodate visitors, it will be necessary to construct a small parking area and basic interpretive facilities. The site will require only minimal maintenance and no increase in budget or manpower will be necessary.



Pageville Schoolhouse south of Twin Bridges is one of the earliest schools in Montana that is still standing at its original site. James Page donated the land for the school in 1864. Rebuilt three times, the school operated from 1864-1920.

This is a topographic map of the Twin Bridges area in Montana. The map shows the Madison River flowing from the northwest towards the southeast. A large, bold arrow points to a specific location on the river, labeled "THIS PROPOSAL". This location is situated between Schoolhouse and Pogaville. The map includes various geographical features such as Twin Bridges, Schoolhouse, Pogaville, and Beaverhead. It also shows landmarks like cemeteries, schools, and bridges. The map is overlaid with a grid of latitude and longitude lines, and various elevation points are marked.

1983 COAL TAX PARK PROPOSAL

1. Site Name (if any): Pageville School

2. Site Location: County: Madison

Township 4S Range 6W Section 8

Near (town, landmark, etc.) Twin Bridges, MT

3. Please describe the site's qualities that make it unique or otherwise eligible for the State Park System:

The site's focal point is a historic country school which is representative of a once common but rapidly disappearing feature of the rural landscape.

The school is located directly adjacent to Hwy. 41 between Helena and Dillon and is easily accessible to visitors.

4. Project Sponsor: _____ Agency (if any): MT Dept. FWP

Address: 1420 E. Sixth Ave. Telephone: 449-3750

Helena, MT 59620

Will the sponsor be able to appear before a Legislative Committee to support this proposal?

X yes _____ no

Building will be donated. Land to be leased at \$300.00/yr. for 50 yr. period with option to renew

5. For what price is the owner willing to ^{lease} ~~sell~~? \$ 15,000.00

X I, Van L Davis, owner of Pageville School Property
(owner's name) (site name)

verify by my signature that the information in number 5 above is correct.

6. Appraisal One time only \$15,000

Has the proposed site been appraised by a professional land appraiser?

_____ yes X no If yes, when? _____

The department encourages project sponsors to submit an appraisal establishing the fair market value of the site. Will you be able to provide one?

_____ yes X no

7. Cost of Site Acquisition

Appraised value of this site \$ N.A.

(Date of appraisal: _____)

Donation of other sources of assistance \$ 5,000.00
(if any, please specify):

Estimated value of school house. Actual appraised value may exceed
this amount.

Estimated appropriation needed from Coal Tax Fund: \$ 32,000.00

Other comments on cost: \$15,000.00 required for long-term lease of property.

An additional \$17,000.00 is requested for basic stabilization and construction
of parking and support facilities.

8. If available, please attach a map and photographs of the proposed site:



PROPOSAL EVALUATION

Answering the following questions will help determine the value of your proposal to the State Park System.

1. Please check the recreational activities that could take place frequently at this site.

☐ Walking for pleasure ☒ Picnicking ☐ Fishing
☐ Bicycling ☐ Hunting ☐ Camping
☐ Bird-Watching ☐ Boating ☒ Scenery Viewing
☒ Historic or Natural Interpretation
☐ Other: specify _____
☐ Other: specify _____
☐ Other: specify _____

2. During what season would this site receive use?

☒ fall ☒ winter ☒ spring ☒ summer

3. Does this site have historic or archaeologic value?

☐ no ☒ yes, if yes, please explain: The Pageville School is
associated with a turn-of-the century rural community near Twin Bridges.
Built in 1909 it is the last of seven country schools in the district. It
was preceeded by a log school built on the same site in the 1860's and 1880's.
The site has long been associated with early-day rural education and its
history can be well documented.

4. Does this site have scenic value?

☐ no ☒ yes: If yes, please explain: The site is situated between
the picturesque Big Hole and Beaverhead River valleys with the majestic
Tobacco Root Mountain Range to the east and the Ruby Mountains to the south.

5. Does this site have scientific value? (scientific value could be defined as ecological or geological features).

 X no yes: If yes, please explain: _____

6. Please explain your conception of the possible future management and development of this site:

402/W Management of the site will involve basic interpretation of the role of the country school in early-day Montana, with emphasis on this particular structure.

The school will require initial stabilization including door and window replacement, foundation repair and a new roof. Following stabilization, periodic maintenance will be necessary.

Development of the site may include an access road, a parking area, picnic tables and sanitary facilities. An area surrounding the school, not exceeding one acre, will be fenced to define the public use area and exclude livestock.

Park System Inholdings

The Department requests an appropriation of \$175,000 to acquire the miscellaneous inholdings on areas adjacent to existing Park System sites.

The Department owns and operates over 300 state park system sites. Quality management of the existing system is a Department priority. Private holdings within or adjacent to a site can hinder public use and some instances endanger the site's resources.

For example, Bannack contains four inholdings - lots and buildings - and represents the Department's highest priority for spending these funds. The Department now controls the town and its environs with these exceptions, and proposes a major project from other funds to substantially improve it. Negotiations with the owners of the four parcels are underway but a funding source is needed to consummate the purchases if agreement can be reached on purchase terms.

In other places, such as the Madison Buffalo Jump south of Logan, there are adjacent properties which pose similar or other management problems. At the Buffalo Jump, there is a very small "wedge" of private land between the site and the county road. It must be crossed to conveniently enter this site...another opportunity for incompatible use at the site's front door. Negotiations have been underway for quite some time to acquire this "wedge".

There are a number of other places with similar problems. Through the acquisition of several of these inholdings, Montana's State Park system could be better managed and its resource integrity insured.

Homestead Study

The State Park Organic Law (see appendix) includes in its broad mandate the providing of historic resources for people. One key element which seems to be missing in the historic preservation of Montana -- state, federal, local or private -- is a representative sample of the homesteading eras.

During the next biennium the Department will complete an inventory and prioritization of historically significant homestead sites in Montana to determine acquisition potentials for the state park system. This is needed because of the complexity in determining what is truly representative and also suited for historic preservation and public enjoyment.

During the 1985 Legislative Session, the Department expects to propose the acquisition of a few significant and available homesteads as determined through the inventory.

APPENDIX

TITLE 23
PARKS, RECREATION, SPORTS, AND GAMBLING

CHAPTER 1
PARKS
Part 1 -- State Parks

Section

- 23-1-101. Purpose.
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- 23-1-106. Rules -- penalties.
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- 23-1-108. Acquisition of certain state parks, monuments, or historical sites.

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- 23-1-201. Establishment of state scientific and recreational park.
- 23-1-202. Rules governing use.

Part 1

State Parks

23-1-101. Purpose. For the purpose of conserving the scenic, historic, archaeological, scientific, and recreational resources of the state and providing for their use and enjoyment, thereby contributing to the cultural, recreational, and economic life of the people and their health, the department of fish, wildlife, and parks (hereinafter referred to as department) is hereby vested with the duties and powers hereinafter set forth.

History: En. Sec. 1, Ch. 48, L. 1939; amd. Sec. 1, Ch. 178, L. 1953; amd. Sec. 1, Ch. 69, L. 1965; amd. Sec. 1, Ch. 2, L. 1977; amd. Sec. 13, Ch. 417, L. 1977; R.C.M. 1947, 62-301; amd. Sec. 2, Ch. 218, L. 1979.

State Organic Law

15-15-108. (Temporary) Disposal of severance taxes. Severance taxes collected under the provisions of this chapter are allocated as follows:

(1) To the trust fund created by Article IX, section 5, of the Montana constitution, 25% of total collections a year. After December 31, 1979, 50% of coal severance tax collections are allocated to this trust fund. The trust fund moneys shall be deposited in the fund established under 17-6-203(5) and invested by the board of investments as provided by law.

(2) Coal severance tax collections remaining after allocation to the trust fund under subsection (1) are allocated in the following percentages of the remaining balance:

(a) to the county in which coal is mined, 2% of the severance tax paid on the coal mined in that county until January 1, 1980, for such purposes as the governing body of the county may determine;

(b) 2 1/2% until December 31, 1979, and thereafter 4 1/2% to the earmarked revenue fund to the credit of the alternative energy research development and demonstration account;

(c) 26 1/2% until July 1, 1979, and thereafter 37 1/2% to the earmarked revenue fund to the credit of the local impact and education trust fund account;

(d) for each of the 2 fiscal years following June 30, 1977, 13% to the earmarked revenue fund to the credit of the coal area highway improvement account;

(e) 10% to the earmarked revenue fund for state equalization aid to public schools of the state;

(f) 1% to the earmarked revenue fund to the credit of the county land planning account;

(g) 2 1/2% to the sinking fund to the credit of the renewable resource development bond account;

(h) 5% to the earmarked revenue fund to the credit of a trust fund for the purpose of parks acquisition or management, protection of works of art in the state capitol, and other cultural and aesthetic projects. Income from this trust fund shall be appropriated as follows:

Coal Tax Trust
Fund Law

- (i) 1/3 for protection of works of art in the state capitol and other cultural and aesthetic projects; and
- (ii) 2/3 for the acquisition of sites and areas described in 23-1-102 and the operation and maintenance of sites so acquired;
- (i) 1% to the earmarked revenue fund to the credit of the state library commission for the purposes of providing basic library services for the residents of all counties through library federations and for payment of the costs of participating in regional and national networking;
- (j) 1/2 of 1% to the earmarked revenue fund for conservation districts;
- (k) all other revenues from severance taxes collected under the provisions of this chapter to the credit of the general fund of the state.

15-35-108. (Effective July 1, 1983) Disposal of severance taxes.

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 - (d) for each of the 2 fiscal years following June 30, 1977, 13% to the earmarked revenue fund to the credit of the coal area highway improvement account;
 - (e) 10% to the earmarked revenue fund for state equalization aid to public schools of the state;
 - (f) 1% to the earmarked revenue fund to the credit of the county land planning account;
 - (g) 1 1/4% to the sinking fund to the credit of the renewable resource development bond account;
 - (h) 5% to the earmarked revenue fund to the credit of a trust fund for the purpose of parks acquisition or management, protection of works of art in the state capitol, and other cultural and aesthetic projects. Income from this trust fund shall be appropriated as follows:
 - (i) 1/3 for protection of works of art in the state capitol and other cultural and aesthetic projects; and
 - (ii) 2/3 for the acquisition of sites and areas described in 23-1-102 and the operation and maintenance of sites so acquired;
 - (i) 1% to the earmarked revenue fund to the credit of the state library commission for the purposes of providing basic library services for the residents of all counties through library federations and for payment of the costs of participating in regional and national networking;
 - (j) 1/2 of 1% to the earmarked revenue fund for conservation districts;
 - (k) 1 1/4% to the sinking fund to the credit of the water development sinking account;
 - (l) all other revenues from severance taxes collected under the provisions of this chapter to the credit of the general fund of the state.

23-1-108. Acquisition of certain state parks, monuments, or historical sites. (1) Any person, association, or representative of a governing unit may submit a proposal for the acquisition of a site or area described in 23-1-102 from the income of the trust fund created in 15-35-108 to the department of fish, wildlife, and parks by December 1 of the year preceding the convening of a legislative session.

(2) The fish and game commission shall present to the legislature by the 15th day of any legislative session a list of areas, sites, or objects that were proposed for purchase for use as state parks, state recreational areas, state monuments, or state historical sites with the money contained in the parks account.

(3) The legislature must appropriate funds from this account before any park, area, monument, or site may be purchased.

History: En. Sec. 3, Ch. 653, L. 1979; and, Sec. 2, Ch. 218, L. 1979.

Proposal Submission Law



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September 10, 1981

Mr. James W. Flynn, Director
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Dear *Mr. Flynn* *Mr. Flynn*:

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LEGISLATION'S OFFICE

On April 7, 1981, the Long Range Building Committee adopted a motion for a letter of intent to your department regarding proposals for park acquisitions.

The following resolution was passed:

As a "governing unit" the Department of, Fish, Wildlife and Parks shall submit a proposal or proposals for the acquisition of a site or area described in 23-1-102 from the income of the trust fund created by 15-35-108 (2)(h)(ii). The proposal(s) shall be included in the list of areas that are proposed for purchase as additions to the Montana State Parks System which the Fish and Game Commission presents to the legislature by the 15th day of the legislative session.

Please be cognizant of this request as you prepare for the 48th Legislative Assembly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to be "J. K. Moore".

Representative Jack K. Moore
Chairman, Long Range Building Committee

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